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# PREFACE.

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TWENTY years have elapsed since the publication of the "Antiquities of Smarden." That work had its origin in a Lecture delivered at the Schools, and was intended to create an interest in the history of the Parish, more particularly the Church, with a hope that the sacred edifice might be restored, as the fabric had fallen into a lamentable state of disrepair.

The results of the efforts then made were soon apparent, for within a couple of years after the issue of the volume already named, the alterations and improvements therein suggested and advocated, were carried into effect in a manner which none, even of the most sanguine, would have ventured to expect.

The restoration of the "Barn of Kent," to something like its pristine grandeur, appears to demand a second volume to complete our Parochial History.

My Father, the Rev. F. F. Haslewood, Curate and Rector of Smarden for a Quarter of a Century, having had considerable experience in similar undertakings, again exhibited his untiring zeal and energy, and encouraged by the generous support of his Parishioners, boldly determined to repair and set in order, the fine old Church, of which he was ever proud.

Whilst the work was in hand an opportunity was afforded me of carefully watching its progress. Notes by an eye witness of the Restoration may interest the present generation and prove useful hereafter.

As this History of our Parish is intended for future reference, no pains have been spared to render it as precise as possible, and no statements are herein made, unless I had previously satisfied myself as to their authenticity.

It will be observed that Monumental Inscriptions occupy a large proportion of the Volume ; this was intended to give them due prominence. The stones have been systematically copied in rows, and the inscriptions carefully given, line for line, as in the originals, whilst the various styles of writing adopted on the Monuments are reproduced in fac-simile, as the use of old English characters, &c.

Our Graveyards are daily becoming more interesting, and as even stones are destroyed by time, it seems a pity that these Memorials should not be rendered permanent and accessible.

Biographies of Fifty Rectors of the Parish from A.D. 1205, have been carefully compiled from numerous sources, many of which have never been previously published. Diligent search has been made at the Lambeth Library, in the Archbishops' Registers, for particulars of collations to the Benefice, and also among the archives at Canterbury. The Presentments at the Visitations contain much information bearing upon our subject, whilst our own Parochial records are of more than ordinary interest.

From these latter, a list of Church Briefs, also extracts from the Parish Registers and Churchwardens' accounts have been made, as well as numerous references illustrating the Manufacture of Linen and Broad Cloth, for which the neighbourhood was at one time celebrated. The Volume closes with a Chronological Table of Events, wherein are noted some of the more remarkable facts connected with our Parochial History.

FRANCIS HASLEWOOD, F.S.A.

*S. Matthew's Rectory, Ipswich.*
*February*, 1886.

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# MEMORIALS OF SMARDEN.

## SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

The main object of this volume is to give a verbatim copy of every Monumental Inscription in the Parish, but as many important events have occurred, and discoveries of an archæological character have been made since the publication of the "Antiquities of Smarden," it seems well to take advantage of this opportunity of placing on record a few particulars in regard to the Restoration of the Church, the names of the Rectors, and other matters which might not otherwise be chronicled.

This work is strictly supplementary. A few incidental references will however be made to the Author's former volume, and two papers contributed to "Archæologia Cantiana." (Vols. ix, xiv.)

The Parish Church of Saint Michael consists of a Nave and Chancel, with North and South Porches, and a square embattled Tower at the West end of three stories, having large buttresses, and an octagonal stair turret at the North East, rising above the parapet. The Architecture indicates thirteenth or fourteenth century work, pointing therefore to the Edwardian or Decorated period. The Tower is later, being in the Perpendicular style, and built in the middle of the fifteenth century.

Though the proportions of the building were always grand, the Church before and after Restoration presented a very different appearance. As regards the exterior, though much was done, its general character remained unchanged. The gable over the Chancel Arch was re-built in stone, the old one consisting of brick and timber work being unsightly. Besides this, all the slates on the Nave were re-laid;

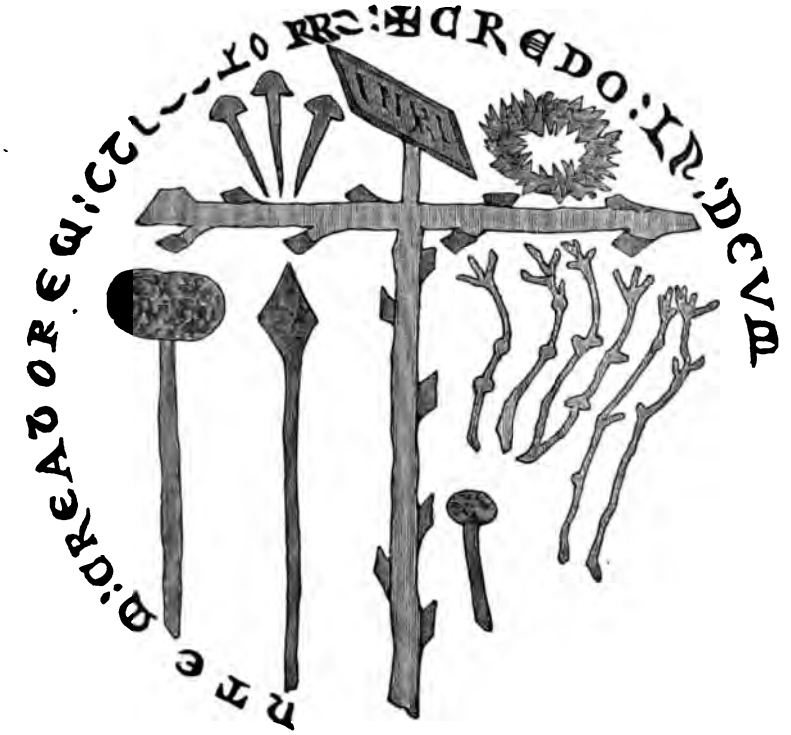
the two Chancel Buttresses re-built, and iron guttering fixed round the Church, the building having never been previously drained. It was in consequence very damp, a fact to which the Rural Deans, when making their official visits, frequently drew attention. The Tower required the restorer's hand to a trifling extent; the West doors of oak are an exact fac-simile of the old. The Vane was re-gilded, and in place of the date 1780, just visible, 1869, the year of restoration was substituted. The two Porches were repaired, that on the South side being re-faced with stone. The appearance of the Vestry was materially altered, two new stone windows with trefoil headings replacing wooden frames, and the old entrance renewed in stone; whilst internally, the flat ceiling was removed, and a new doorway inserted into the Chancel.

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SMARDEN; BEFORE RESTORATION.

It was the Interior of the Church which underwent such complete alteration. Its former condition has already been described; but words fail to convey an adequate idea of the neglected condition of the fabric, an engraving however assists us in this respect.

The remark made by most persons on entering the Church for the first time after the re-opening was, that they should not have

known the old place. This might well be said, for everything as regards the interior assumed an entirely new aspect. Let it suffice that those who see the building now, can hardly realize what was its former condition. Instead of a glare of whitewash, the replastered walls present a warm and agreeable tint. In place of an unsightly gallery which rose in tiers from the ground, the graceful western arch and window appear. In lieu of the mean brick arch, an entirely new one of stone, separates the Nave and Chancel. Instead of the whitewashed ceiling, a net-work of open rafters is seen. The floor, formerly damp and uneven, is now dry and level. In the room of unsightly pews of various shapes and sizes, uniform benches fill the Nave. Few thought the building capable of so much, and fewer still were sanguine enough to hope that the work would be accomplished in so complete and satisfactory a manner.



FRESCO FOUND IN THE CHANCEL.

Whilst the work of restoration was in progress several interesting mural frescoes were discovered. One of these had been previously brought to light, and is fully described in the "Antiquities of Smarden." (p. 44.) Three others also representing the instruments of the Crucifixion, were found on the Chancel walls. All were of similar design, but a different article of the Creed ran round in a circle, and enclosed each group of subjects. The inscription, as appears by the wood-cut, was "Credo in Deum Patrem Omnipotentem, creatorem cœli et terræ:" The next was illegible. The third also was in Latin, "Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:" whilst on the north wall, formerly appeared the last clause of the Creed, with the concluding "Amen." (See Archæologia Cantiana. XIV. 20. for fuller account.)

Upon the removal of sundry coats of white-wash an interesting group of figures was discovered on the east wall of the Nave, on the north side. It had formed part of an altar, and represented the entombment of our Lord. Though the painting was mutilated, the colouring of the prominent figures was bright. The Saviour was being borne by the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose countenance bespoke grief, whilst Christ's head and robe were besprinkled with blood. Flowers in the foreground indicated "the Garden." This fresco may have been divided into compartments to represent the Birth, Burial, and Ascension of Jesus. The reredos on the south side was never finished; this however was highly decorated, perhaps therefore the altar of the Blessed Virgin was upon the north, and that of Saint John Baptist on the south side of the Chancel arch.

The East window (similar to one at Ruckinge) was filled with stained glass, by *Ward and Hughes*, of London. The "Ascension" occupies the centre, the other lights represent the two sacraments: and in the upper quatrefoil is S. Michael, (the patron saint) slaying the dragon.

Several fragments of ancient glass were found about the Church, these were collected to form the scrap window over the Sedilia. Among the figures appear the "Virgin and Child," also "John the Baptist carrying a Lamb," which came from Church-gate-Farm. They

FRESCO FOUND IN THE NAVE.

were probably removed from the Church, and may be those thus alluded to in the Churchwardens accounts; 1549 "for ij panes of glasse solde to Ric. Ricarde vj$^{d.}$" *(Antiquities of Smarden, p. 18.)*

Several embattled stones discovered in the Sepulchre on the north side, and in a vaulted recess of the east wall, may have formed the upper portion of the Sedilia, as at Willesborough.

SEDILIA, PISCINA, LOWSIDE WINDOW, AND PERFUSORIUM.

An organ, by *Bevington*, of London, is placed in the south-west window of the Chancel. - It has eight stops full compass with general swell, enclosed in an open pine case. The following entries illustrate the musical arrangements of the Church. That there was an organ in pre-Reformation times is evident:—

1547. Received of John Anderson for the case of the orgins iij$^{li}$ vj$^{d}$.
1549. Itm for the old orgaine pippes solde x$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$
1565. Payd for two singinge psallter bookes in meter xvj$^{d}$.
1568. It. the Organes were sold for xxj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.
1791. P$^{d}$. Joseph Judge for 4 Bassoons reed 4$^{s}$.
1792. Joseph Judge Jun. for Box Bassoon reed, 4$^{s}$.

Wind and stringed instruments were in use till 1853, when Rev. F. F. Haslewood gave a Harmonium, which led the singing till 1870, when the present Organ was formally opened. It cost £160.

The Chancel arch is new, though a re-production of the old, and built upon the original piers and springings. A low brick arch of mean character rendered the general appearance of the Church unsightly. This was removed in 1869, when also the lower portion of the wooden screen, separating the Nave and Chancel, was brought to light. It had formed part of the Romden and Hamden pews.

THE 'BARN OF KENT': AFTER RESTORATION.

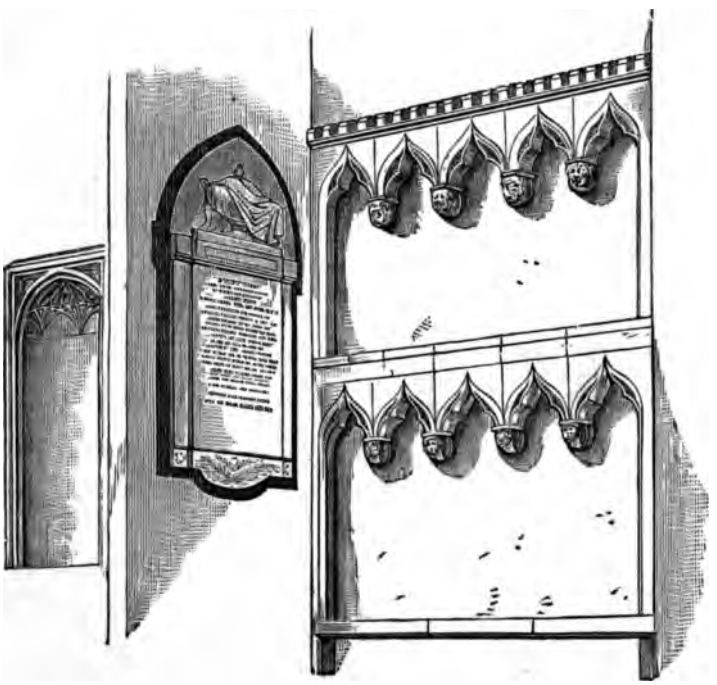
Upon the removal of the old plaster, several serious cracks appeared in the walls, particularly at the eastern and western ends of the Nave. These fissures had been caused by the weight of the roof, which was originally covered with shingles. The north wall had at some time been banded together with iron clamps, it was deemed advisable therefore to fill in the two most western window-splays, which had been imprudently cut away. The inner arch, being of stone, is no eye-sore, whilst it materially strengthens the walls. An iron rod was at the same time fixed across the Chancel arch to replace an unsightly beam.

It was beneath the plain stringing shewn in the next engraving that the altar Fresco (p. 5) was discovered in 1869. This corner was claimed as the Romden pew, and when the floor of the Nave was levelled and

concreted five coffins were discovered. Two of these were perfect, bearing the names and dates :—

(1) Elizabeth Otway Died June y$^{e}$ 4$^{th}$. 1770 aged 41 years.
(2) Charles Otway 1797.
(3) Was empty. The wood had decayed, but the lead retained its original form.
(4) Full of water.
(5) This was the most interesting as containing the body of a youth. The features were but little changed whilst the hair was perfect. A medical man examined the body, which though not embalmed, had been preserved. A lock of hair was cut. At first it was of a bright auburn colour, in a few days however it turned gray.

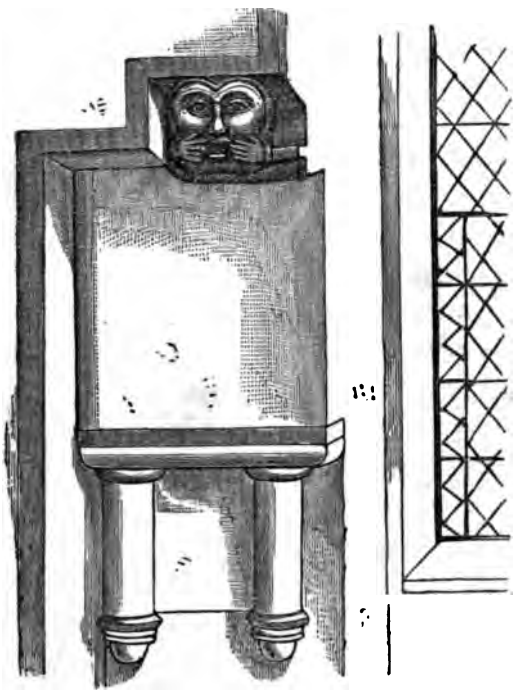
In 1772 the body of Tho. Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, was discovered at Bury S. Edmund's. Though buried in 1427 upon opening the coffin, the flesh, hair, toe and finger nails appeared as perfect as though he had not been dead many hours.



REREDOS AND NICHE, AT NORTH EAST OF NAVE.

None of the members of the Kent Archæological Society, when they visited the Church in 1880, were able to offer any explanation of the grotesque figure.

This curious Head supported by corbels having been already described (Antiquities of Smarden, page 54), little need here be added. An engraving however may assist the reader in forming an opinion respecting the same. It is open to conjecture whether it could have had anything to do with the Chantry, or was in some way connected with the mediæval superstitions in regard to exorcism. Gargoyles on the exterior of Churches are known to have such a reference. There being nothing of this character on the exterior of the building, this figuré, (somewhat in the form of a Gargoyle,) seems unmeaning in its present position. It could hardly have been introduced by way of ornament. The hands distending the mouth to render the monster hideous seems to favor the suggestion above given.



GROTESQUE FIGURE ON NORTH WALL OF NAVE.

The Pulpit, of oak and hexagonal in form, is placed on the South side of the Chancel Arch, and stands to advantage upon the ancient raised dais.

This Pulpit came from Halden Church, and was purchased in 1869 for £2, but the carving of eight wooden brackets to form the base, with other work thereto, cost £33.

These extracts relating to the Pulpit have been made from the old Churchwardens' Accounts.

1562. Paide for makinge of the mynystes seate and turninge of the stoles at the chawnsell dore, and mendinge of the benche besides the pulpitt, and to Edwarde Pellan for nailes ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.

1594. For charnells (hinges), a boult, and nayles for the pulpet xij$^{d}$.

,, For makinge the iron worke about the pulpet viij$^{d}$.

1610. For a pulpet trush iij$^{d}$.

1619. For a pulpet cloth the 29 of June, and for frenge for the pulpit cloth to Edward Newenden, the 30 of June ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$.

,, To Thomas Hopper for making a benche in the pulpit and other benches xijd.

1719. P$^{d}$ to Carter for the new Pulpit 13 : 13 : 0.

1720. For fetching of the post for the pulpit 2$^{s.}$ 6$^{d.}$

For bringing home the pulpit 10$^{s}$.

To John Carter for bear when the pulpitt was sett up 4$^{s.}$ 10½$^{d.}$

Thos. Paines bill for turning 15 Ballesters 4$^{s.}$ 3$^{d.}$

Paid Mat. Ottaway, Junr., for work done about the pulpitt and Church. £16.

The Altar Stone exposed to view beneath the Reredos on the East wall of the Nave, South of the Chancel Arch, was probably the one removed in 1550, and sold for a shilling by the Churchwardens of that period. This theory is apparently thus confirmed:—

1550. "Paid John Harneden for takinge doune of the altare stone, and making up of the Church wall iij$^{s.}$;"

Again "paid to Thomas Hoppare for whyttinge where as the syde altares was iiij$^{d.}$."

Pd for drink to ym that had out the altare stones ij$^{d.}$

A square Ambry (12 inches by 11 and 7 deep) was discovered in the South wall near the door to the Rood-loft. One similar in form at Bramshot is engraved in the "Glossary of Architecture" (i, 10).

The Stone Seats are retained in the recesses of the most eastern windows of the Nave.

Two Stoups for holy water were found close to the North and South doors. They are opposite each other, and exactly alike both

being trefoil-headed. The basons had been cut flush with the walls, but new ones were made after the old pattern.

(They measure 2 ft. 2 in. by 1 ft. 6 in. and are 11 in. deep and 3 ft. 3 in. from the ground.) One of similar design at Oakham is engraved in "Bloxam's Architecture." (Page 153.)

The Pews, of pitch pine, are constructed after the ancient models found in the Church. The old seats were of oak, but at some period they were heightened by the addition of deal tops. Accommodation is now afforded for 296 adults and 162 children, making, with those in the chancel, a total of 488 sittings. The Churchwardens' Books record several entries relating to the Pewing.

1579. Paid for nayles to amende the benches in the churche j$^{d}$.
1584. For mendinge the stooles vj$^{d}$.
1611. For fower days worke about o$^{r}$ mynisters pewe v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$.
For lxv foote of ynch boorde for y$^{e}$ pewe v$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$.
1619. To Thomas Hopper for makinge to Goodman Nortons stoole and for charneles x$^{d}$.
1627. For timber to make legs for a forme in the church 4$^{d}$.
1629. For a matt and Trush for y$^{e}$ minister his pue 7$^{d}$.
1632. P$^{d}$ John Scot for the seates £1 14$^{s}$.
,, for wood for to make leggs for y$^{e}$ formes 6$^{d}$.
1634. For makeinge of benches in the Church 3$^{s}$.
more 25 foote Boards for the seats, and for pinnes for the bearers of the seats, 2$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$

The inner Doors of the North and South Porches having been sawn asunder, were re-hung in separate halves.

At the restoration of the Church the Font was removed from the West end of the Church, and placed near the South Porch. It stands somewhat higher than before.

The Poor Box, (first mentioned in 1553 thus;—"mending a lock of the pore man's box ij$^{d}$") after being reduced a few inches in height, was in 1869 re-fitted with three new locks. Upon the lid still remains the curious Enamel which justly commands the admiration of Antiquaries.

The Western Screen is a handsome feature in the Restored Church. It is of pitch pine and glazed.

The removal of the ringing floor in the Tower rendered it necessary to lengthen the bell-ropes, which pass through iron stays, the bells being now rung from the ground.

The total cost of Restoration was £1457 towards which the Rector, Rev. F. F. Haslewood, who was mainly instrumental in undertaking the work, contributed £264. The other large contributors were Mr. Hinds £100, and Mr. W. Hinds £50. The Countess Waldegrave £100, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P. £50, Mr. and the Misses Sayer £50, Sir E. C. Dering, Bart. £25, Lord Harris, Mrs. Schrieber, Mr. J. Spicer and Mr. W. Cornes, each contributing £20. A grant of £300 was made by the Canterbury Diocesan Society, and one of £45 was received from the Incorporated Church Building.

Mr. Joseph Clarke, F.S.A., was the Architect employed, and Messrs. Punnett of Tunbridge undertook the contract.

The Building in its restored state reflects great credit on the head that designed, and hand which executed the work. The Church was closed 12th April, 1869, and re-opened 21st October in the same year. The accomplishment of the work is commended by Furley the Kent Historian. (ii. 721, 675.)

Let us hope that the "Barn of Kent" may stand many years as a monument to future generations, and further that a zeal and liberality, similar to that which restored the Church, may always be found to keep it in a satisfactory state of repair, that it may never again be suffered to fall into such a dilapidated condition as to merit Archidiaconal complaint.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF RECTORS.

Authentic records exist which furnish abundant proof that the Benefice of Smarden has been held by at least fifty Rectors in succession, many of whom distinguished themselves at the Universities, several held other Church preferment, one became a Dean, and another attained episcopal dignity.

1205— ADAM DE ESSEX is the first Rector of whom we possess any particulars. He was presented to this benefice by King John, on the first of December, 1205, the appointment having lapsed to the Crown in consequence of the death of Archbishop Hubert.

(Antiquities of Smarden, page 100. Rot. Cart. 7 John memb. 4, at the Record Office. Furley's, Kent, 1, 399.)

The king had previously in 1203, presented him to the Vicarage of Saint John Baptist, Thanet; Margate parish Church, which he held till his appointment to Smarden.

(Rot. Lit. Pat. 4 John. m. 6.)

—1279 JOHN DE BESTANE (Doctor of Canon Law) resigned Smarden in 1279, but the date of his appointment thereto does not appear, and it is equally uncertain whom he succeeded. It is also unknown where he resided prior to his collation to Cliffe at Hoo, by Archbishop Peckham on the 13th November, 1288. He was for one year Archdeacon of Salop, but resigned that office on the first of August, 1289. Dr. Bestane, it is said, was a personal friend and chaplain of the Archbishop. In the year 1298 he appears to have suffered at the hands of some of his aggrieved parishioners, and the contention between them was so sharp that sentence of excommunication was published against the offenders in every Church near Cliffe. After Dr. Bestane had been rector for fourteen years, his health failed and the Archbishop granted him a co-adjutor. He held Cliffe till his death which occurred prior to April 28, 1305.

(Archæologia Cantiana. xv. 222. 259. Peckham's Register fol. 38, a: 48 b. also Winchelsey fol. 249, a: fol. 287, b. Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ 1. 482, by John Le Neve. pub. 1854.)

1279—1281 JOHN DE LEWIS was collated to this benefice April 29, 1279, by Archbishop Peckham; and his name appears as a witness to the execution of some deed or instrument about 1280, but the antecedents and subsequent history of this Rector are unknown.

(Peckham's Reg. 48, b: 50, a: 151, a.)

1281—1310 DAVID DE ESTDENE was May 14, 1281, appointed to this Rectory by Archbishop Peckham.

(Reg. 51, a. Furley's Kent, II, 232.)

1310—1312 WILLIAM DE HALEBERGH received this benefice June 27, 1310, having been collated thereto by Archbishop Winchelsey.

(Reg. 47, b.)

1312— ROBERT DE SUNDEHAM obtained this preferment Nov. 26, 1312, as appears by Archbishop Winchelsey's Register (58, a.) The patronage however appears to have been then vested in the Abbot of Lesnes. This monastery was in the parish of Erith.

1364—1372 JOHN PEVESEY, from documents in the Cathedral Library at Canterbury, appears to have been instituted to this benefice about 1364. It is certain that he held this Rectory some time during the reign of Edward III, because his name occurs in the Exchequer subsidies, but without date, thus:—"Johe Peuseye Rectore de Sm̄denn v'." He resigned Smarden April 9th, 1372, having effected an exchange with his successor for the Chapel of S. Elizabeth, near Winchester.

(Exchequer subsidies, Lay; Record Office, Edw III, $\frac{123}{46}$ Com. Kanc. memb. 37. At Canterbury A.D. 1364. Register H. 58 olim F. 8, 56.)

1372—1375 JOHN DE SHUPTON was collated to Smarden April 9, 1372, by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, acting for the Archbishop, who doubtless sanctioned this exchange of benefices.

(Register at Lambeth, fol. 93. b.)

1375— JOHN WYSBECHE was Rector but a very short time, having effected an exchange with his successor for Ingatestone Oct. 12, 1375. He was appointed to the Rectory of Hadstock, 23 Nov. 1406, but immediately resigned the same, and died Rector of Bardfield Parva in 1408.

(Repertorium by Ric. Newcourt II, 31, 292 . 348. Sudbury, fol. 115. b.)

1375— RICHARD DEPDALE within a fortnight after his appointment to Smarden apparently vacated the same.

1375— JOHN CRESSINGHAM appears to have secured the personal regard of the Archbishop, who, at Lambeth conferred upon him the benefice of Smarden, Oct. 24, 1375. Cressingham however, like his two predecessors was not disposed to hold it many days. He was presented to the Vicarage of Barking, 15 June, 1385, and died the same year.

(Newcourt, Rep. I. 35. Sudbury, fol. 115. a, b.)

1375—1376 JOHN BOURYNG exchanged the Rectory of Smarden with his successor, October 17, 1376, for that of Elwick, in the County of Durham.

1376—1383 JOHN ATTE LEE, Canon of the Collegiate Church, of Lanchester, and Prebendary of Medomsley was Rector of Elwick. The exchange of benefices was sanctioned at Charing, next Westminster, October 17, 1376. He held Smarden seven years, when Archbishop Courtenay authorised his removal to Southchurch, 13th November, 1383. He was Vicar of Stepney in 1352. (Newcourt I. 740, II. 534) and we find him Rector of Newchurch in 1387, having been appointed thereto on the 13th of November in that year.

(Sudbury, 119, a. Courtenay's Register, fol. 268. Archæologia Cantiana XIII, p. 464.)

1383— Robert Derby who had been previously Rector of Southchurch, succeeded to Smarden, November, 17, 1383. If the date given by Newcourt be correct, he must have been a very old man, as he appears to consider him the same individual who was sometime Rector of S. Mildred Poultry, also of Lambeth, to which he was appointed 14 Oct. 1408, and who exchanged again for Sandhurst in Kent a few years afterwards.

(Repertorium I. 502, II. 534.)

(History of Lambeth by Thos. Allen, p. 17. History of Surrey III. 516.)

—1400 Thomas Preston was sometime Rector of Smarden, the date of his appointment thereto is unknown, but on Feb. 10, 1400, he vacated the same to exchange with his successor. He held the Rectory of Chelsea a few days from Oct. 1368.

(New. Repertorium I. 585.)

1400— Simon Hoke previously Rector of Sulden, in the diocese of Lincoln, was by certificate from Bishop Henry Beaufort collated to Smarden by Archbishop Arundel, an exchange of benefices having been arranged. (274, a.)

1400—1409 Robert Brokeman *alias* Broke succeeded Hoke as Rector of this Parish, the Archbishop permitting him to exchange Snargate for Smarden which was effected March 19, 1400. Broke held this benefice till his death, a period of eight years.

1409— William Jakys was collated to Smarden by Archbishop Arundel, on Jan. 5, 1409. (56, b.)

—1429 Gilbert Crede vacated Smarden Jan. 21, 1429, when he exchanged for S. John's, Devizes, which he held till 1433, the date of his death. When he became Rector of Smarden is unknown.

(Wiltshire Archæological Magazine, 1854, 328.)

1429—1430 WILLIAM GOLDSMYTH like many of his predecessors was given to change, in 1426 when Rector of Esthenreth in the diocese of Salisbury he resigned in favour of Devizes. This he held only three years, and he remained at Smarden but one year exchanging again with his successor.

1430—1443 WILLIAM PALMER having held the Rectory of Stedham in the Diocese of Chichester, exchanged for Smarden to which he was collated by Archbishop Chicheley at Higham-Ferrers on 22nd of September, 1430. His name appears among the gentry of Kent returned in the 12th year of King Henry VI. (A.D., 1433).

(History of the Worthies of England by Thos. Fuller, pub. 1662, page 87. Reg. 184. b.)

1443—1444 THOMAS DANBY was collated to Smarden which he obtained by exchange with his predecessor for the Rectory of Great Mongeham, on the 26th of January, in 1443. He died the following year.

1444—1472 SIMON HOGGES, L.B. was collated at Croydon by Archbishop Stafford to this benefice September 9, 1444, but must have soon appointed a Curate, for on the 16th of April in the following year he obtained leave for non-residence upon the plea of three years study, and exchanged this Cure for Newchurch to which he was appointed March 18, 1472; this latter he resigned in June 1482. He died in 1490, and at the time of his death he was official of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Rector of Great Mongeham, and Vicar of Saint Stephen's, Hackington, where he was buried.

(Archæologia Cantiana XIII, 464. Stafford, 18. b: 79. b. Bourchier's Register 107. b.)

His Will was made 19 November, 1490, thus:—

SIMON HOGGIS. Burial before our Lady's altar in S. Stephen's Church. Legacies to William Hogges 40s. a debt of similar amount

is remitted, and a complete bed in Testator's chamber at Mongeham is bequeathed. Simon Austen monk of Christchurch is his godson, Constance Eden a god daughter. Legacies to the Friars and hospitals of Canterbury, and two books to S. Augustine's Monastery which were in pledge to Isabel Bold.

To Master Edw. Hovyndon "optimum portiphorium" meum, and other books to Master Joh. Williamson, and to both clothes and ornaments. To John Sharpp and his wife Isabel he gives clothes &c. To Dom. Henry Hervy a long gown and a book. To the poor of each Canterbury Parish he gives $3^s/4^d$. To Jacobus Aas he leaves 40/- He directs his horse and harness to be sold to pay legacies and expenses. Executors Master Edward Hovynden, Joh. Sharpp and Jacobus Aas.

Will made 19 Nov. proved 21 March 1490.

(Wills at Canterbury Consistory, 3. 284.)

1472—1478 THOMAS KYNG, who was appointed to Smarden March 23, 1472, by Archbishop Bourchier, held this benefice till his death, a period of six years.

(Reg. f. 107. b.)

His Will furnishes all the information we possess in regard to this Rector and his family. From this we learn that he died a young man in the Autumn of 1478, as his father was living at the time of his decease.

ABSTRACT OF WILL.

"Thomas King, Rector of Smarden made 28 Aug. 1478. Burial in the Chancel of Smarden Church, with a gift of $40^d$ to the Altar. Legacies to Richard King his brother. To his father (not named) $6^s/8^d$ and a gown. To John Kyng (testator's brother) a gown. The residue to Will Mitchell and Roger Byrd the Exors." Proved 10 September 1478.

(Wills at Canterbury Archd. III. 9.)

1478—1480 ROBERT FERRYS, B.A. was upon the death of Kyng collated by the same patron to this Cure of souls September 3, 1478. He resigned this charge after holding it two years, but for what other preferment it is unknown.

(Reg. f. 119. a.)

1480—1482 EDMUND GILBERT succeeded to this benefice on the last day of June, 1480, but he like Ferrys, after two years, sought a more congenial sphere of labor.
(Reg. f. 125. b.)

1482—1498 WILLIAM SUTTON, Rector of Penshurst, exchanged with his predecessor for Smarden, the Archbishop sanctioning this arrangement at Knole, January 3, 1482. Sutton died in 1498. (Reg. f. 131. b.)

His will which is of more than ordinary interest runs thus:—

WILLIAM SUTTON, Rector of Smarden. Burial in the choir of the Priory Church of Ledes (Kent), near the grave of Prior Robert Gawtherst "specialis magistri mei."

Legacies to the Prior and Brethren of Ledes amounting to 10 marcs with £10 more for the costs of his funeral, &c.

To the Prior he gives silver plate to the value of £4. and a silver instrument "ad comedendum zinzeperum vel greneginger." To the work of the "*tabernaculum Sci Michaelis*" *in Smarden Church* 20ˢ. *To the Priest of S. Mary's Chantry in the same to pray for his soul*, 6ˢ 8ᵈ. Small Legacies to Widow Pret (Peret), Thomas Pret and Margaret his wife, also to each son of Stephen Pret and to each son of Joan widow of Will Mychell. The Residue to Richard Chesham Prior of Ledes who is appointed Executor.

Will made 10 September proved 24 October 1498.
(Wills at Canterbury Archd. VII. 3.)

1498— JOHN HOWE, M.A. had this benefice conferred upon him at Lambeth, on 15th of November, 1498, by Archbishop Morton.
(Reg. f. 116. a.)

—1506 ROBERT ASSCOMBE resigned Smarden in 1506, but the date of his appointment thereto, as also his subsequent history are unknown.

1506—1523 ROBERT WYKYS, M.A. was presented to the Rectory of Smarden on the 8th of April, 1506, Archbishop Warham being his patron. He held possession up to the time of his death, a period of seventeen years.
(Reg. 327. b.)

1523—1533 GEORGE SENTLEGER was upon the 7th of August, 1523, admitted to the Rectory of Smarden. This he held for ten years, when it was rendered vacant by his resignation.

(Reg. f. 378. a.)

1533—1551 OSMUND CHUBBE, M.A., was collated hither by Archbishop Cranmer at Lambeth, on the 23$^{d}$ of June, 1533.

(Reg. f. 340. a.)

He is mentioned in the Valor Ecclesiasticus of Henry VIII. (I. 65.) This survey was completed in the 27th year of this reign: and henceforth the first fruits and tenths, instead of being forwarded to Rome, were transferred to the Crown.

It was at this period that the Doctrines of the Reformation began to be widely disseminated, and Chubbe was probably the first married Rector of Smarden. This is evident from his Will wherein he bequeathes money for a funeral sermon, and mentions his wife named Thomasine, also his daughter Anne, who was a minor at the time of his decease. His wife's maiden name appears to have been Sharpe; she was left his sole executrix.

Subjoined is the substance of his Will:—

OSMUNDE CHUBBE parson of Smarden. Burial in the Chancel of Smarden Church. A sermon to be preached at the funeral, and "a commuynon celebrate," the preacher receiving for his paynes 3/4. Legacies to John Golde, Roberte, Bedgeamyn, and Rabedge Golde each 5$^{s}$/ on condition that they give their mother a release as to certain land, also to the same where they are described as "my wyeffe's children" each 6$^{s}$/.

To Sir George curate of Biddenden a short gown at the discretion of testator's wife. To Anne his daughter he leaves £20, the principal to be given to her at 20 years of age. If Anne die before that time the legacy is to be applied to "*poore maydens marriages, to the setting furthe of yeng men, and the mending of highways.*"

The residue is given to Thomasine testator's wife and sole executrix.

"John Draner Gent being overseer to whom testator gives a pece of gold for a remembraunce eyther a nollde Ryall or a double ducket at his election." As to real estate; the lands called Sleppenden purchased of Joh Sharpe are given to Thomasine the wife "in fee symple she being bound to perform the Awarde that was made between her brother John Sharpe and me." All other lands in Smarden or elsewhere are left to the wife for life with remainder to Anne the daughter (and her heirs) but if Anne decease without heirs (of her body) the lands are to pass to the next heirs of Thomasine the wife.

Will made 18 November, proved 28 December 1550. (Wills at Canterbury, A. 27. 2.)

1551—1566 GREGORY DODDES, B.D. lived in troublous times, but happily survived to become Dean of Exeter. He was prior of the house of the Dominican Friars at Cambridge, proceeded B.D. 1536, and two years later with the Subprior and fourteen of the Brethren surrendered that house to the king. He was installed a Prebendary of Lincoln in 1547. (Le Neve. II. 230.) Archbishop Cranmer appointed him to the Rectory of Smarden in 1551.

Whilst here he encountered the animosity and persecution of one Drayner as recorded in *Fox's Book of Martyrs*. (Vol. III. page 2002. Edition 1576.)

This local magnate bearing Doddes a grudge, for reproving his vicious life, sent for him by two men. He was then shewn into a parlour, as it were to breakfast, one Roger Matthew* being secreted behind the door, to overhear the conversation, and serve as a witness against him. It is said the Lord kept his talk without peril. This Drayner being chosen a justice, made nine holes in the Rood-loft, that he might look

* In the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1559, we find that Roger Mathewe, registered the same that year.

about the Church in Mass time, and as he severely punished those who did not duly conform to the ceremonies as restored by Queen Mary, he was nicknamed "*Justice Nine-Holes.*" This unhappy state of things justified the non-residence of the Rector, and we find that one Robert Halsall was appointed Curate in 1558, in the room of George Heydon deceased.

Doddes was elected Dean of Exeter in 1559. His non-residence was complained of, and the Church-wardens presented that they "*thought the Rector was Dean of Exeter,*" and further that the Parish had been left in charge of a Deacon. After holding Smarden fifteen years Doddes tendered his resignation. He died in 1570. There is no monument at Exeter to his memory.

(Athenæ Cantabrigienses. I. 291. Fasti, I. 387. Archæologia Cantiana, ix 145. Register, f. 416. b.

First Fruits Composition Books com. Kanc. 23 Ap. 5. Edw. VI. 1551, p. 72. History of Exeter Cathedral, by J. W. Hewett.

Fox Acts and Monuments. Lives of the Bishops of Exeter, p. 276. By George Oliver. Pub. 1861.)

1566—1585-6 RICHARD FLETCHER, M.A. Vicar of Cranbrook, "the first reformation pastor there," was promoted to Smarden in 1566, retaining his other preferment to which he had been designated Vicar in July, 1559, (though not fully inducted until 1561,) the patronage of both benefices being vested in the hands of Archbishop Parker.

He like his predecessor at Smarden knew something of persecution, because he and his son Richard were both witnesses of the Martyrdom of Wade, at Dartford, in the month of July, 1555, (Fox' Acts, &c. vii, 321, edition, 1849) and from his epitaph in Cranbrook Church, it appears he suffered many hardships and

imprisonments. On June 19, 1551, we read of his institution to the Vicarage of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, which he resigned Feb. 23, 1555. (Records of Bishop's Stortford, by J. L. Glasscock, p. 110).

After the above resignation, as well as during the Marian Persecution, he apparently had no settled home, for from the period when he was a spectator of the martyrdom of Christopher Wade, we learn nothing concerning him till June, 1557 when he was at Frittenden, Kent, and a witness of the cruel treatment of Edmund Allin the good miller of that place. Whilst there he makes note of the behaviour of the Rectors of Frittenden and Staplehurst towards him, and also of the talk or reasoning that Sir John Baker and his chaplain had with Allin when he was before them. Allin, though of Frittenden, lived only about one mile from Sissinghurst Place, in Cranbrook; hence there are good grounds for believing that the discussion which Fletcher was privileged to hear, and subsequently forwarded to Fox, took place in Sir John Baker's Mansion.

(See Fox Acts, &c., vol. VIII, page 322.)

Then again we lose sight of Fletcher till 1559, when he was designated to take the spiritual charge of the Parish of Cranbrook, Kent, and more fully in 1561, when he was appointed by Archbishop Parker, to the Vicarage of Cranbrook, where he principally resided till his death, which occurred, February 12, 1585-6. He lies buried in the Nave of that Church where a handsome Monument still exists in the Chancel.

It has been discovered that Richard Fletcher was a native of Great Liversedge, in Yorkshire, and received his education at Cambridge, and was sometime a

resident of Watford, Herts: there is also reason to believe, that this is where his family were located, whilst he himself was moving about from one place to another. We have some little insight as to his character, when he became settled in Cranbrook, that he endeavoured to carry into practice Apostolic precepts; for not only was he "apt to teach," but one "given to hospitality" as far as his means enabled him. This appears in a return of the "Condition of the Churches in the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, for the year A.D., 1569."

Under Cranbrook is the entry, "Vicarius Mr. Richus ffletcher, residet ibem est hospitalis iuxta facultatem suam het(habet)etia Rectoriam de Smarden. fol. 6.

Mr. Richard Fletcher, Vicar of Cranbrook, he resides there, is hospitable according to his ability, he holds also the Rectory of Smarden.

He had two sons both of whom rose to be men of mark, Giles the younger being Ambassador to the Court of Russia; and Richard after having been Vicar of Rye, and Dean of Peterborough, became Bishop of Bristol, subsequently of Worcester, and eventually of London.

(For further biography see "*Annals of Cranbrook Church, its Ministers*," by William Tarbutt, page 4, and a pedigree of the Family found in "*Notes and Queries*," 1880. p. 511; also in an introduction to "*Poems of Phineas Fletcher*," Vol. I. page xxi., Pub. 1869, also the memorial introduction to "*Poems of Giles Fletcher*," B.D. 1868: Also for still further acquaintance with this remarkable family, Fathers, Sons, and Grandsons, see the introduction by Dr. Grosart, to Licia and other Love Poems by Giles Fletcher, LL. D., Fuller's Worthies Library. Miscellanies, Vol. III. 1871. Athenæ Cantabrigienses II. 205.

First Fruits Composition Books, com. Kanc. p. 84. 29 July, 8 Eliz., A.D., 1566, at Record Office.)

Mr. Tarbutt, the Cranbrook Historian, kindly supplied the author with the following notes upon the history of this Family, taken from the Parish Registers and his own private collections.

The Fletchers were at Cranbrook about thirty years, and these thirteen entries constitute all the information about them that can be obtained from the Registers of that Parish.

### Parish Registers at Cranbrook.

#### BAPTISMS.

1582 April 8. Phyneas Fletcher filius D.D. Egidij.

1582 Sepr. 29. Thomas Fletcher D.Doct: Fletcher Theolog.

1583 [o.s.] Jany. 19. Sarah Fletcher filia D.D. Rich. Fletcher.

The following notes were made in the present Baptismal Cranbrook Register when transcribed from some loose papers, by the Rev. William, or rather (as the record of his name stands) *Mr.* William Eddy the then vicar:—

"This Richard Fletcher, D.D. was consecrated Bp. of Bristow, in December, 1589. Strype, 13, Whitgift, Page 322."

"Therefore ther is a mistake in his Father's monument in our chancel, when it intimates that his Father saw him Bp. of Bristow, see Mr. Fletcher Burial in this Register, 1585. He was translated to Worcester, in Feby. 1592, and from thence to London, in Jany. 1594. Within seven months he was suspended by Abp. at Queen's Command, and soon after died, and wher restored, or not see Strype Whitgift, 399, 428, 429."

This comment being subsequently added by the Rev. John Johnson at the early part of the last century.

"With submission I think the transcriber mistakes the Monument. He might have been Bishop when the Monument was erected though not when his Father died, this "nunc" seems to indicate."

"W. Tarbutt observes that these two infants, Tho$^{s}$ & Sarah Fletcher, were the children of the Bishop, there being nearly sixteen months difference in their ages, as Sarah was born January 19, 1584, A.D. and Thomas lived little more than three months."

## BAPTISMS.

1584 Nov. 22. Anne Fletcher filia of Egidij Fletcher.

1587 Nov. 19. Elizabeth Fletcher filia D. Doct: Sc. Egidij.

1588 Dec$^{r}$ 22. Joan Fletcher filia of D. Doctor Egidij Fletcher.

These three Children *as well as Phyneas* were the children of Dr. Giles Fletcher, the Ambassador to Russia, &c. This second Son Giles was not born and baptized at Cranbrook, as published in my Lecture. W. T.

## MARRIAGES.

1573 May 25. Doct: Richard Fletcher Et Elizabetha Holland.
He was after Bishopp of London. note by Will$^{m}$ Eddy.

1573 Oct$^{r}$ 16. Mr. William Atkinson Pche (Physician) Et Priscilla Fletcher.

1580 [o.s.] Jan$^{y}$ 16. Mr. Giles Fletcher Et Ioan Sheaff.

This last marriage was that of the Ambassador to Russia, and took place 1581, A.D. Phyneas their first child being born about fifteen months afterwards. W. T.

It is quite evident the Bishop married his *first* wife at Cranbrook, and the Ambassador also. History seems to hold forth that the Bishop marrying a *second* time was the cause why the Maiden Queen was so offended with him.

## BURIALS.

1566 Oct$^{r}$. 14. John Fletcher.
This was probably a Son of the Vicar, hence a Brother of the Bishop and Ambassador. W. T.

1582 [o.s.] Jany. 10 Thomas Fletcher filius Doctoris Fletcher.

1585 [o.s.] Feby. 14. *Mr. Richard Fletcher, vicar de* Cranbrooke.

See Baptizings 1583, note by W. Eddy.

1593 Octr. 19. Elizabeth Fletcher, the daughter of Mr. D. Gyles Fletcher.

Thos. Fletcher as above was buried Jany. 10, 1583, and the Vicar, Feby. 14, 1586, A.D.

We know no more of the Fletchers from the Registers after the Ambassador lost his daughter in 1593. W. T.

As there has been some controversy in regard to the genealogy of the Fletchers, it may be here observed that the Richard, Rector of Smarden for nineteen, and Vicar of Cranbrook for twenty-six years and seven months, was father of the Bishop of the same name, also of Dr. Giles Fletcher; the poets Phineas and Giles being his grandchildren.

## MURAL TABLET IN CRANBROOK CHURCH.

*On North Wall of the Chancel.*

Richardvs Fletcher ex Eboracesi Provincia. Honèst
Parentibvs natvs: a qvibvs Cantabrigia missvs, bonis
artibvs, sese exercvit donec artivm magister
factvs est: hinc Regnvm inevnte Edovardo vi°, in
sacrvm ministerivm assvmptvs est, a sanctissimo
viro ac martyre, Ni: Ridleio, Londinensi Episcopo
(ex eorv nvmero q$^{i}$ tvm p'mo pro more ac
ritv eccliæ Reformatæ, sacris ordinibvs
initiati svt) in cvivs diocœsi verbi ministerio
diligenter icvbvit postea temporibvs Marianis
cvm ferro et flama evagelici peteretvr
adversa mvlta et vicula pertvlit: sed
restitvto evangelio et ipse sacro mvneri
restitvtvs est, et hvic ecclæ pastor
designatvs a° I° serenissimæ pricipis Elizabethæ
hic pvblice verbo: privati vita prædicado
pavperibvs erogado; onibvs consvlendo. (quatv
in ipso fvit) iteger ac bonis onibvs charvs; cum
per xxvi anos et menses vii. hvic ecclæ
præfvisset tandem ex hac vita ad coelos
demigravit A° Ætatis qvarto svpra sexagessimv
filios svperstites reliqvit dvos qvos vidit
alterv Theologiæ alterv legv doctorem

illv capellanv regiv decanv Petribvrg nvc
Episcopv Bristoll et Regiæ ma$^{tis}$ Eleemosynari,
sumvm hvc eidem m$^{ti}$ ad magnvm Russiæ:
imperatorem legatvm. obüt mvndo 12° die
mensis Febr A° 1585 vivit Deo ad æternitate
corpvs in area inferiori, svb proximo saxo
reconditvr.

As many interesting facts are mentioned bearing upon the history of this Divine, a translation of his Monumental Inscription may be considered desirable.

Richard Fletcher of the Province of York. born
of honourable Parents: by whom being sent to Cambridge,
he exercised himself in the liberal sciences until
he was made Master of Arts: from hence he
was received into the sacred ministry at the
beginning of the Reign of Edward VI. by that
most pious man and martyr, Nicholas Ridley Bishop of London
(among the number of those who were then first
admitted into Holy Orders according to the
manner and rite of the Reformed Church)
in whose diocese he diligently applied himself
to the ministry of the word. Afterwards in the Marian times
when Ministers of the gospel were sought out with sword and fire
he suffered many hardships and bonds: but
the ministry of the Gospel being re-established he also
was restored to the sacred office, and was
appointed pastor to this church
in the first year of the most serene princess Elizabeth,
here by preaching publicly by his word: privately by his life,
by interceding for the poor; by counselling all. (as much as
in him lay), he was blameless and dear to all good men, when

for twenty-six years and seven months, he had been over this church
he at length departed this life to the Heavens,
in the sixty-fourth year of his age,
he left two surviving sons, whom he saw,
the one Doctor of Theology, the other of Laws,
the former Dean-Royal of Peterborough now
Bishop of Bristol and Almoner of the Queen's Majesty.
the latter principal Legate for the same Majesty to the
great emperor of Russia. He left the world on the 12th day
of the month of February in the year 1585. He lives to God for ever.
His body is buried in the lower area under the nearest stone.

As to the *lower area*, there is an entry in the Churchwardens' Accounts which clearly indicates that the interment took place in the Nave, and not in the Chancel of Cranbrook Church. The Churchwardens for the year 1586 charge themselves with 13s 4d, for *breaking the ground in the Church for the burial of Mr. Fletcher.*

A large stone close to the Chancel Arch may still be seen. It is broken and bears traces of a brass plate. Possibly the old inscription was removed when the present Monument was erected, or perhaps the traffic over it, for three centuries, may account for its disappearance.

The Arms, as borne by Fletcher the Bishop of London, are:—

S., a cross patonce A., pierced plain of the field, between four escallops of the second.

Harl. MS. 4199. (Blazon of Episcopacy, by W. K. R. Bedford, p. 22.)

1585—1619 JOHN FOTHERBIE, M.A., a native of Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire, was also Vicar of Headcorn, having been appointed thereto in 1584, upon the first of March in that year.

Archbishop Whitgift collated him to Smarden, February 19th, 1585. This entry occurs on the fly leaf of the oldest churchwardens' book:—"Johannes

Fotherbie Rector eccle parochialis de Smarden Artm̄ magister 12° mensis Februaü A° dñi 1585."

He married Amia Kelsham, May 8, 1587 at Headcorn Church, and by her had four children, all of whom died young. Mrs. Fotherbie was buried at Headcorn in 1595.

He held this benefice till his death, as also the Rectory of Little Chart, to which he was nominated May 6, 1602, when he resigned the Vicarage of Headcorn.

Fotherbie had no children to survive him, though he married a second time. He died on the 9th, and was buried on the 16th of April, 1619, at Little Chart. His name occurs there on the Table of Benefactions, in the Church.

Particulars as to himself and family may be gathered from the following register extracts, his Will, and also Pedigree as given by Berry. (Kent Pedigrees, page 268.) This latter indicates that he was cousin to Charles Fotherby, Dean of Canterbury, and his brother Martin, Bishop of Salisbury.

(First Fruits Composition Books. Com. Kanc. p. 122. 5 May, 28 Eliz. 1585.)

## Parish Register at Headcorn.

1587 Maie, *Johannes ffotherbie rector ecclie pochialis de Smarden* et *vicarius de Hedcrone contrahebat nuptias cu Amia Kelsham octavo die huius mensis.*

1588 August, Mariæ the daughter of Maister John ffotherbie was baptized the 2ª daie of this moneth.

1588 August, Marie the daughter of Mr. John ffotherbie was buried the 4th of this moneth.

1589 Aprill, John the sonne of John ffotherbie was born and baptized the 4th daie of this moneth.

1589 Aprill, John the sonne of John ffotherbie & a maide child unbaptized beinge twines were buried the 4th day of this moneth.

1590 July, Johannes filius Johnis ffotherbie baptizatus fuit 7 die huius mensis.

159[illegible] March, *Amia uxor Johannis ffotherbie artiu M*r 3° *die huius mensis sepulta fuit.*

## Registers of Canterbury Cathedral.

### BURIALS.

1615 August 28. John ffotherby, son of Mr. John ffotherby.

## Parish Register at Little Chart.

### BURIALS.

1604 Mr. Fotherby 15 years.

1619 *John ffotherby rector of the parishe of Little Chart died the ix*th *day of April* 1619, *and was buried the xvj*th *day of that moneth.*

An abstract of his Will is subjoined :—

John Fotherbye, Clerk of Little Chart.

Burial in Little Chart Church. Legacies and Bequests :—To Henry son of Rich. Fotherbye (Testator's Brother) he leaves the leases of land and a wharf at Wappinge Wall near London, after the death of Agnes, Testator's wife : To Robert Fotherbye "my kinsman and servant to Sir Thos. Smith of London, Knight" £20. Richard Fotherbye a brother of Testator, "Item I give and bequeath to *his* brother Dr. Fotherbye £3 5 for a ring. To Sir Robert Darell, Knt., son of John Darell Esq. money for a ring. Eliz. Blagrove is testators' "Wyues daughter" and wife of Thomas Blagrove. Agnes the Testator's wife is appointed executrix, and to her are given the crops growing on the parsonage land at Little Chart, "so longe as I shall be parson there." She is made residuary legatee and Sir Robert Darell is Overseer. "Finally my will and mind is that *Agnes my wife shall provide and cause a tombstone to be laid over my grave.*"

Robt. Darell, Rich. Fotherbye, Ralph Bacheler, witnesses.

Ultima Voluntas. He gives an annuity of £4 to the parishes of Little Chart and Headcorn for a yearly dole. His lands in Little Chart and Headcorn are given to the wife for life remainder to Eliz. wife of Thos. Blagrove for life after which they pass to Henry Fotherby and his heirs for ever.

To the parish of Great Grimsby, co. Lincoln, where he was born he gives £4 a year, charged on his lands in Beesbye and Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. These lands are given to Agnes, testator's wife, for life with remainder to Henry Fotherbye, and a small legacy to the poor of Smarden. Will made 22 Ap. 1616, proved 25 June 1619.

(Wills at Canterbury; Consistory, Book 45. fol. 16.)

ARMS:—Gules, a cross composed of nine lozenges, at each end a fleur-de-lis or.

CREST:—A falcon, with wings expanded, ppr. beaked or, in the beak an oak branch vert, bearing an acorn, gold.

1619—1644 ROBERT ELY, M.A., a "double beneficed man" being appointed to Smarden on the 21st of April 1619, which he held with Charing where he resided. This justified the petition to the House of Commons presented in 1640, by Sir Edward Dering, when upwards of fifty of the Parishioners of Smarden complained of the Non-residence of their Rector, who had not been among them for "six years," whilst the conduct of the curate in charge was considered reprehensible.

(Proceedings in Kent, page 114)

We know not what was the result of this Petition to Parliament, but about four years afterwards Robert Ely was gathered to his fathers at the ripe age of four score, having held the Rectory of Smarden for twenty-five, and Vicarage of Charing upwards of forty-eight years.

The entry of his Burial in the Parish Register at Charing is very precise, and from it we learn that he had held that Benefice since July 12th, 1595, until the day of his death, which occurred May the 21st, 1644.

Though probably buried within the Chancel, there is no inscribed stone to indicate the exact spot.

(First Fruits com. Kent: Bishops Certificates from April 1615—Oct. 1619, Memb. 18, at Record Office. Furley's History of Kent II. p. 587. In 1643 Mr. Elye was assessed for the Parsonage 10ˢ; Smarden Parish Books. Antiquities of Smarden, p. 103.)

## Parish Register at Charing.

### BAPTISMS.

1596 Richard the sonne of Robert Elye the 15 of Aug.
1598 Mary the Daughter of Robert Ely the 30th of Apryll.
1599 Henry the sonne of Robert Elye 22 July.
1601 Henry ye sonne of Robert Ely the 17 May.
1602 Nicholas ye sonne of Robert Ely the 20 of Sep.
1603 Finch ye sonne of Robert Ely the 8th of May.

### MARRIAGE.

1626 Anne, daughter of Robert Ely, married Brent, eldest son of Finch Dering of Charing (Berry, p. 399.)

### BURIAL.

1644 *Mr. Robert Ely vicar of Charing dyed the* 21st *daye of May being of the age of foure skore and one yeare and upwards, and was buryed the xxiiij*th *day followeing, haveing lived and resided vicar ther from the* 12th *of July* 1595 *unto the daye of his death being* 48 *yeres,* 10 *months and* 11 *daies.*

1644—1662 Thomas Vaughan was admitted and instituted to the Rectory of Smarden, by the Parliament, on the 15th of July, 1644. He is described as "a godly and orthodox divine," and annexed to his petition was a certificate of the inhabitants of Smarden, that having "heard the doctrine" and "seen the behaviour of Mr. Thomas Vaughan," they considered him a fit man for their Parish, and desired that he might settle among them as their Minister. Dated 5th July, 1644.

(Historical M.S. Commission; Report 6, p. 17. Pub. 1877.)

This prayer of the inhabitants was heard, and the Minister after their own heart was duly elected, and an order issued accordingly to Sir Nathaniel Brent, Vicar General, to institute and induct him into the Rectory of Smarden.

As appears by the Registers at Adisham, he had previously been Curate of that Parish, from March 1, 1633, to November 14, 1635, but there is no record of his appointment or departure. Next we find him at S. Mary's, Chatham, being mentioned in the "First Century of Scandalous Priests" thus:—"The Benefice of Thomas Vaughan, Curate of the Parish Church of Chatham, Kent, is sequestered, for that he hath been a great practiser of the late illegall superstitious Innovations, very negligent in his cure, many times not preaching above once a month, and a common frequenter of taverns, sitting a tippling there, &c."

(The first Century of Scandalous Priests, by J. White, printed by Geo. Miller, 1643, p. 43.)

Walker, however, in his "Sufferings of the Clergy" of the Church of England, who were sequestered in the times of the Grand Rebellion, views his character very differently.

(John Walker, Part II, page 388, pub. 1714.)

His comments upon him are:—

"He is mentioned in the '*Century*,' as a scandalous malignant, for practising the illegal Innovations, and urging the observation of them upon his parishioners, for speaking against preaching in the afternoon, and pressing the duty of *Parochial Communion;* affirming also, that to *preach nothing but scripture without the Authority of the Fathers, was like the Devil's sheering of Hogs, a*

*great Cry, but a little Wooll.* After these crimes, to be sure, he must be a drunkard; but that, I doubt, which made him so, and which put into his mouth those contemptuous words about the *Scripture*, was, his having said upon the dissolution of the then late Parliament, that the members of it were a parcel of *Logger headed Fellows.*" Vaughan, unlike many of his predecessors, resided at Smarden, his signatures frequently occurring in the Registers and Poor books thus:—

1644 Thomas Vaughan, Rector.
1646 Thom. Vaughan.
1652 Thomas Vaughan, Minister, and again in 1657.

His name appears in various Parish books as late as 1662, when he was ejected from this benefice. These records contain a claim, on Mr. Vaughan, or the occupier, for certain rates then due.

It may be concluded from the petition of the inhabitants, that he was appointed by the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, to Chatham, where he remained about five years.

His theological views may be gathered from the wording of the charges brought in against him in 1641. Amongst other grievances were these;—that he called himself a priest, laboured to set the communion table altar-wise, taught people to bow at the name of Jesus, and did not pray for the Parliament.

(Life of Baxter, by Edmund Calamy, p. 287. Pub. 1702. Hasted VII, 484. Nonconformist Memorial II, 335.)

The perturbed state of affairs during this period of English history is well known; party spirit and religious strife both ran high, and the following representation to Parliament is of interest, as throwing a side-light upon many matters, both political and ecclesiastical.

The humble petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Chatham, sheweth;—

1. That Thomas Vahan, Preist, (for so hee said he is,) is a man superstitiously affected in urging and pressing of ceremonies in his pulpit, teaching not only making them things indifferent, but pressing them to be things of necessity to bind the consciences of his hearers under a bitter curse.
2. Hee hath laboured, these two yeares and more, to sett the Communion Table altar wise, rayled about, giving his reasons out of the pulpitt, for the decensie of it, complaining how hee is abased in administering the Sacrament, going from pew to pew, as one that dealeth almes, or a doale to the people.
3. By provoking the people in his publique teaching to bow knee at the name of Jesus, binding the consciences of his hearers unto a necessitie of that act, under a curse, that their bowells might dropp out that did not observe it.
4. Hee being urged by the Apostle's words, that his dutie did consist in preaching, and to bee instant in season and out of season, "In season," he saith, is, to preach upon Sundaies in the forenoones, and, "out of season," in the afternoones.
5. Hee hath long continued, in the pulpit, to utter his bitter execracions against the Scottish nation, and hath often done it since the High Court of Parliament assembled; viz., calling them daring Rebells, whose faith is faction, whose truth is treason, whose religion is nothing but rebellion, that seeke to invade this kingdom. "Lett them be scattered in Jacob, and dispersed in Israel; putt a hoock into their nostrills, and turne them back by the waie they came."
6. Hee is a man much dignifying himselfe, and velyfying of others who are orthodox and sound, with the name of Puritanicall Ministers, the whole kingdome fairing the worse (as he said) for such.
7. Hee is a turbulent man, full of differences and controversies with his parishioners.
8. Hee is very negligent in visiting the sick, and catechizing the youth of the parish.
9. Hee never praid for blesseing upon the former Parliament, nor yett for this, till of late.
10. He hath delivered in pulpitt, that the scripture is noe scripture without the authoritie of the fathers.

Wee need say no more; but are bold to close up all in our humble petition, that this honourable house would please to be so favourable a helpe as that wee may be supplied with a man orthodoxall, sound, and profitable, painefull in his ministry, and peaceable in his conversation; that God by him may be honoured, and wee edified. And, as duty binds, we shall ever pray.

Thomas Vahan hath bin Curate of Chatham about five yeares; Doctor Balcancko, (Dr. Balcanquall,) then Deane of Rochester, with the Prebends, placed him there, who gave him a lease during life.

This petition is signed by upwards of twenty persons, and endorsed by Sir Edward Dering, 1641, 7 Junii.

(Petition. Chetham *v.* Vaghan, "Proceedings in Kent," by Rev. Lambert B. Larking, 1862. Page 226—9.)

That he was admitted to the Rectory of Smarden at the date already given, upon the nomination of the supreme court of Parliament, appears from documents found at the public Record office.

(First Fruits: Bishop's Certificates from April 1644 to April 1650. Dioc. Canterbury. Memb. 2.)

1662—1667 ROBERT COLE, S.T.B., appears to have been appointed, by the Parliamentary authorities, to the Church of Lyminge on the deprivation of Mr. Myles Barne, who was accused of all sorts of "Popish" affections before Sir Edward Dering's Committee of Religion in 1641. The Rev. Canon Jenkins, Rector of Lyminge, (to whom the Author is indebted for the interesting particulars relating to Robert Cole, as far as that Parish is concerned,) states that there seems to have been a kind of interregnum, as the signature of a certain Thomas Reading occurs in 1650, and Robert Cole begins his ministry on the 12th of December, 1651. His ministrations go on till Sept$^{r}$ 28, 1660: for at this date the information is added "Heere Mr. Cole ended." A period of confusion occurs till 1664, when

the vicar Henry Hannington signs the several pages of the Register. The only entry in the Lyminge Registers of Mr. Cole's family is the following.

BAPTISM.

"Humphrey the Sonne of Robt and Elisabeth Cole was borne (but baptized March 3rd) the 26th day (of February) 1656."

There is a note of several collections made by him for charitable purposes appointed by Cromwell, signed by himself, his name being ruthlessly obliterated by his successors. They are as follows:—

1653 Collected of the Parishioners of Lymmige for the Inhabitants of the Town of Malbborough in the count. of Willts by order Wee say collected the 24th of July Anno Dom 1653 Seauen and ffortie Shillinges and Three pence.

*Witnesses.*

Robt Cole *minist Pro tempore*

(This last line is crossed out in original.)

1658 May 3. Recd by order from the Right Woorpll Charles Bowles Esq. High Sheriffe of the Count of Kent from the minister and churchwardens of the pish of Lymmage in the said count. of Kent the summe of ten shillings and Eleavenpence collected by command from His Highnesse the Lord Protectour towards releife of the distressed Protestants in Poland red I say sent (?) by the appointment of the said High Sheriffe of the pties (?) aforesaid I sawe this acquittance under the hand of Kemp the Bailiffe 10s 11d

1658 Octr 31st Collected (by Letters patents towards the releife of the Inhabitants and Hermitage of Wapping) in Lymmage ten shillings fourepence half penny.

Robt Cole *Minist* (erased by the pen.)

1659 April 17th Collected in ye Parishe of Limmage towards the reliefe of the Inhabitants of Cowden in the County of Kent and inserted (?) here by order of Oliver *Lord Protector*. (crossed out.)

I say collected the summe of six shillings eightpence halfpenny.

Robt Cole *Minister* (obliterated by a later hand.)

Recd the above mentioned Summe for the Inhabitants of Cowden Septr 24th 1659 of Mr. Cole. Witness my hand per me John Wicking.

1659 July 3. Collected then, and the week following in the parish of Lymminge by order from the keeper of the Liberties of England towards the relief of the Corporation of Southwolde, in the County of Suffolk, whose losses amounted to above forty thousand pounds as in the letters pattent doth appeare, wee say collected the sum of fifteen shillings tenpence.

Witnesses hereof Robt Cole *Minister*
Edward H. Hogben
William Short *Churchwardens*

(Cole's name crossed out in original.)

A curious entry of his occurs in 1658:—

"Richard Colkee (sic) buried in the night by those who survived him it being feared that hee dyed of a spotted feaver."

Having been appointed to Lyminge only *pro tempore*, by the Parliament, Cole was free to take Smarden and Bethersden on the Restoration. His name and the Protector's being both blotted out shews the position he held. The ejected minister Mr. Michell Barnes was accused of papistical tendencies and heresies before Sir E. Dering's Committee.

(Proceedings in Kent, A.D. 1641, Page 191.)

His sins were revealed at "a meeting at Henry Boulding's house, who is clark of the Parish—where hee the said Mr. Barnes did speak to the justifyinge of the Papistes havinge of Images, and sayd they worshipped not the Images, but had them in remembrance of Saints, sayinge, they were in a righter way than wee. And, beinge asked by Richard Cozins of the same parish, why 'Shadrak, Mesach, and Abednigo would not worshipp the King's Image, hee answered, that it was a ffable." Robert Cole therefore was naturally put in *pro tempore*, to preach a more orthodox view of the three holy children.

(Chronological Summary of the History of Lyminge Church, by Rev. Robert C. Jenkins, pp. 8, 14.)

Robert Cole was inducted into the Vicarage of Bethersden, November 3, 1660, and collated to the adjoining Parish of Smarden, 3rd October, 1662.

His name frequently occurs in the Registers and Parish Books, in which we find being assessed at £30 for the Poor, Oct. 1662, he complained of the "dilapidations, and that his parsonage did not yield above half its former rent. He continued to hold both benefices till his death.

From the Parish Registers of Bethersden, it appears that Mr. Cole and his wife both died in 1667, and were there interred.

PARISH REGISTER AT BETHERSDEN.

1667 *July. Robert Cole, Clarke, Vicar of Bethersden, buried* 31.
1667 *August. Mis Cole wife of Robert Cole was buried* 26 *day.*

(Archbishop's Register Juxon, 138, a. Inductions at Canterbury, 1662—1792, p. 6. First Fruits Composition Books, com. Kanc. p. 272. 3 Oct. 1662. at Record Office.)

1667—1669 RICHARD RANDS, M.A., was also Vicar of Bethersden. He graduated at Exeter College, Oxford, 11 April, 1662, (Graduates of Oxford, p. 551,) and was collated to Smarden, 16 March, 1667, and inducted on the 24th day of the same month into the Vicarage of Bethersden. He appears to have had no great affection for Smarden, for in his returns to the Archbishop he complains, that out of a thousand Parishioners, only two hundred came to Church, and on Easter Day there were only eight communicants. He further reports it a very disorderly Parish, that there was no fence to the churchyard, and that the Church was out of repair.

(Lambeth Palace Library, p. 83.)

The signature of Rands as Rector of Smarden is found as late as 1669; but he held the benefice only

two years. He is described as a "man of good parts and sound principles, but full of vaine bragging discourse." What became of Richard Rands is unknown.

(Catalogue of Benefices, Lambeth Palace Library, M.S. 1126, f. 38.)

1669—1697 JONATHAN WHISTON, M.A., a native of Northampton, was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1660. On the 26th of July, 1669, Archbishop Sheldon collated him to the Rectory of Smarden, and on the 13th day of the following month he was inducted into the Parish Church of Bethersden, holding both benefices as his two predecessors had done. He probably preferred the latter for his residence, as he rebuilt the Vicarage house.

His signature occurs in the Smarden Register as Rector of the Parish, in 1669.

A letter by Whiston, dated 28th September, 1694, appears in Archbishop Laud's troubles (p. 16) wherein he states that in 1666 the writer was Chaplain to the Honourable Sir Lionel Tolmach, who related the conversation he had with a certain Abbot, at Rome, who rejoiced that "the Greatest Champion of the Church of England was silenced."

Whiston appears to have been a good scholar, and was apparently proud of the fact, if such an inference may be drawn from the numerous Latin entries found in both the Smarden and Bethersden Registers. He died at the age of 62 years, and was buried at Bethersden December 3, 1697.

(First Fruits Composition Books, 26 July, 1669, p. 325, at Record Office.)

PARISH REGISTERS AT BETHERSDEN.

The following extracts relating to his family have been made from the Parish Register:—

1676 Mary the daughter of Jonathan Whiston vic. and Aphra, borne Nov. 28, and bapt. Nov. 30. (She married the Vicar of Tenterden.)
1677 Anne dau. of Jonathan Whiston vic. and Aphra born 24 Oct. bap. Oct. 26.
1678 Thomas y^e^ son of Jonathan and Aphra Whiston bapt. Aug. 20.
1678 Thomas y^e^ son of Jonathan Whiston buried in Woollen August 2.
1681 Elizabeth the dau. of Jonathan Whiston vicar buried Sep. 8.
1683 Elizabeth dau. of Jonathan Whiston bap^d^ Sep. 5.
1686 Cecilia the dau. of Jonathan Whiston bo. Feb. 8. betwixt eight and nine o'clock at night bap^d^ Feb. 13.
1697 *Mr. Jonatham Whiston late vicar buried Dec. 3d.*

There is a Monument, (a black stone) to his Memory in Bethersden Church, upon the wall of the North Aisle, towards the West end.

MURAL TABLET IN BETHERSDEN CHURCH.

Beneath at the
Foote of this
Wall lyeth the
body of Jonathan
Whiston late
Vicar of this
Parish Church
who rebuilt the
vicarage House
of brick as it now
stands in the
spring 1676. The
former of timber
and thatched
being burnt
downe to the
ground October
the 23. 1669. He
changed this
life for a
better November
the 30. 1697

He states in 1669 that he was then 34 years of age. Of his daughters, Mary married R. Turner, Vicar of Tenterden; and Elizabeth, was widow of J. Morton, of Ashford. (Monumental Inscription at Bethersden.) An abstract of his Will is subjoined:—

JONATHAN WHISTON of Bethersden, Clerk, "being very lame with the goute." He leaves his four daughters, Mary, Anne, Elizabeth, and Cecilia an equal share in a messuage and land in Littlebourne and Wickhambreux, also lands at Staple, Ash, Goodneston, next Sandwich, Woodchurch and Kennardington.

To Aphra his wife he gives a piece of gold money as a curiosity, and all the household stuff on condition that she pay £20 a year toward the maintenance of the daughters. If the daughters die, the real property bequeathed to them, to Samuel testator's brother. His Study of Books to his brother Samuel, Vicar of Headcorn, his sole executor. Made 4 May 1696, proved 4 Jan. 1697.

No mention is made of Smarden.

(Wills at Canterbury, "Whitfeild." Consist. Lib .79. f. 173.)

MONUMENT IN BETHERSDEN CHURCH.

*A mural Tablet of white Marble upon a dove-coloured ground, on the North wall.*

Near this Place lieth the Body of
MARY, Wife of ROBERT TURNER
Vicar of Tenterden, and Daughter
of JONATHAN WHISTON (late Vicar
of this Parish) and AFRA his Wife.
She was born Nov$^{r}$. 28 1676.
and died Nov$^{r}$. 1$^{st}$. 1721.
Here also lieth ELIZABETH,
Daughter of the said M$^{R}$. WHISTON,
and Widow of M$^{r}$. JN$^{o}$. MORTON
of Ashford.
She was born Aug 29 . 1683.
and died May 7 . 1756.
*Blessed are the dead*
*which die in the Lord.*

MURAL TABLET IN HEADCORN CHURCH.

*On the West Wall of the South Aisle.*

To the Pious Memory
of the
Reverend Mr
Samuel Whiston,
Son of Mr. Jonathan
Whiston late of Northampton
is this Monument Erected.
He was Vicar of this Parish
from the 2d of May 1673
to the 31st of July 1716
On which day he died
in the 75th Year of his
Age
And lies Buried
Near this Place

His signature occurs in Smarden Registers as Curate, and, from the Headcorn records, it appears he was inducted into that Benefice May 2, 1673, by his brother Jonathan.

1697—1710 Henry Parsley, M.A., graduated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, taking his B.A. in 1677, and M.A. in 1681. Upon the death of Jonathan Whiston, Archbishop Tenison collated him to the Rectory of Smarden, January 26, 1697. This preferment he held till his death. That he was buried here appears from the Parish Register:

1710 *March ye 5th The Reverend Mr Henry Parsley, Rector.*

Hasted mentions a monument in the church to his memory.

(Cantabrigienses Graduati, p. 295. Pub. 1787. First Fruits Composition Books, p. 203., 26 Jan. 1697, Record Office.)

1710—1728 SIMON HUGHES, M.A., the son of Henry Hughes, a Minor Canon of Canterbury, was born in 1676, and educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he proceeded B.A. 1698, and M.A. in 1702. Upon the death of his father in 1704, he succeeded him at Bethersden, this he resigned in 1711, the Archbishop having collated him to Smarden, March 13, 1710. Hughes was made Vicar of Hackington, *alias* S. Stephen's, near Canterbury, in 1719, and besides holding these two Benefices he was also Prebendary of Chichester, being appointed thereto in 1725.

He was buried 30 July, 1728, within the sacrarium of Hackington Church.

(Antiquarian Repertory, by Francis Grose, III, 132. Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ I, 273. First Fruits Composition Books, Com. Kan. p. 76., 13 Mar. 1710, at Record Office.)

## THE REGISTERS OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

### BAPTISMS.

1675 May 23, Robert, y^e^ son of Mr. Henry Hughs, a Minor Cannon of this Church, and Catherine his wife, was Baptised the 23^th^ day of May being Witsunday

1676 January 23. *Simon, y^e^ sonn of Mr. Henry Hughes, Minor Canon of Christ Church, & Katherine his wife*

1705 January 3 Simon, Son of y^e^ Rev^d^ Mr. Simon Hughs, & Mary his wife

1714 August 10 Charles, son of y^e^ Rev^d^ Mr. Simon Hughes, Rector of Smarden, & Mary his wife

1719 September 19 Mary, Daughter of y^e^ Rev^d^ Mr. Simon Hughes, Rector of Smarden, and Mary his wife (born on y^e^ 11^th^ between 7 & 8 in y^e^ morning)

### BURIAL.

1675 August 20 Robert, y^e^ son of Mr. Henry Hughs, a Minor Cannon of this Church, and Catherine his wife.

## Parish Register at Smarden.

### BAPTISM.

"1712 July 10. Henry Charles, son of Sim: Hughes Rector & Mary his wife born on y^e^ 27 of June."

### BURIAL.

"1713 April 18. Henery Charles Hughes suavissimus Infans."

## Parish Register at S. Stephen's, alias Hackington.

### BURIALS.

1728 *The Reuerend Mr. Hughes July 30th.*

1745 Dec: 5. Mary Hughes, Maiden, Daughter of the late Rev^d^ Mr. Hughes, Vicar of this Parish.

## FLAT STONE IN THE CHANCEL OF SAINT STEPHEN'S, alias HACKINGTON, CHURCH.

Beneath this Stone
lies Interr'd the Body of the
Rev^d^ Simon Hughes
late Rector of Smarden and Vicar
of this Parish.
He departed this life in the 52^d^ Year of
his Age. and in that of our Lord 1728.
In Expectation of a joyful Resurrection
Thro' the Merits of the Saviour of Mankind
Having constantly endeavour'd to approve
Himself a Faithful Servant of His God.
Near Whose Remains
Lies also the Body of His only Daughter
Mary.
Who in the Bloom of Life, having arrived
At the 25^th^ Year of Her Age, patiently
Resign'd Her Soul into the Hands of Her
Creator in the Year of our Lord 1745.

This slab, formerly within the communion rails, was removed when the chancel was altered in 1881, and placed on the floor before the altar steps. Incised upon the stone are—

THE ARMS:—Gu., a chevron between three lions, rampant, or. impaling a chevron between three ducks.

1728—1783 WILLIAM BEDFORD, M.A., was of Clare College, Cambridge, where he proceeded B.A. 1722, and M.A. four years later. Upon September 9, 1728, he was collated to Smarden which he held by dispensation with the Vicarage of Bekesbourne.

(Hasted III, 719.)

His signature is found in the Registers there in 1727. Bedford gave to the Rector of Smarden, for the time being, about seventy folio volumes of the Fathers.

(Antiquities of Smarden, p. 107.)

He married at Canterbury Cathedral, February 25, 1730, Susanna, daughter of Gilbert Knowler, of Herne, by whom he had fifteen children.

This Rector died October 11, 1783, and was buried near the Font in Bekesbourne Church, a small stone, inscribed "W. B. 1783" (now on the floor of the Tower,) at one time covered his grave.

No Rector of Smarden probably ever reigned so long, nor had so large a family as William Bedford.

(First Fruits Composition Books, p. 30., 9 Sep. 1728, at Record Office.)

THE REGISTERS OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

1730 February 25 *Mr. William Bedford, Rector of Beaksborne, & Mrs. Susan Knowler, of y^e precinct of this Church.*

## Parish Registers at Bekesbourne.

### BAPTISMS.

1731 Susanna Daughter of the Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susanna his wife was born & baptized December 3$^{d.}$

1732 William son of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susanna his Wife Baptized Jan : 29.

1733 Thomas son of the Rev$^{d}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford & Susanna his wife Baptized Jan : 10.

1734 Ann Daughter of The Rever$^{nd}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford & Susanna his Wife Baptiz$^{d}$ Dec. 16.

1735 Elizabeth Daughter of The Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susanna his Wife Born and Baptiz$^{d}$ Feb : 21.

1737 Judith Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rever$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his wife Born Dec : 31$^{st.}$ Baptiz$^{d}$ Jan : 14.

1740 Mary Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rever$^{nd.}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford & Susanna his wife, Baptized April 7.

1742 Eleanor Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his wife Baptiz'd August 10.

1743 William Son of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d.}$ William Bedford & Susanna his wife Baptiz'd Sept : 12.

1744 Olivia, Daughter of ye Rever$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his wife, Baptiz'd Octb$^{r.}$ 8$^{th.}$

1745 Martin, son of y$^{e}$ Rever$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his Wife, Baptiz'd Nov : 18$^{th.}$

1747 Samuel, son of the Rev'd William Bedford & Susannah his wife, Baptiz'd April 8$^{th.}$

1749 Frances, Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his wife, Baptiz'd July 18.

1750 Gilbert, son of The Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford, & Susannah his wife, Baptiz'd July 31$^{st.}$

1754 Sarah, Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford, & Susanna his wife, Baptiz'd June 3.

### MARRIAGE.

1770 John Hardy Gent. Widower of the Parish of S$^{t.}$ Mary Le Strand in the County of Middlesex, and Ann Bedford Spinster of this Parish of Beaksbourne in y$^{e}$ County of Kent, were married (by licence) in this Church this Twenty sixth Day of April 1770 by W$^{m}$ Bedford Minister, in the presence of James De Rousel & Gilb$^{t}$ Bedford.

## BURIALS.

1732 William son of ye Rev$^{d}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford & Susanna his wife buried Mar: 16$^{th.}$ Aged 8 Weeks.

1737 Mem. M$^{r}$ Susannah Knowler Widow Aged 69: Died att Beaksbourne Mar: 8. 1737 & was Buried att Hern: Mar. 15.

1738 Elizabeth Daughter of the Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford & Susannah his Wife, Buried May 20$^{th}$ aged 2 yrs 3 mths.

1748 Martin, son of William Bedford Clerk, & Susanna his Wife, Buried May 3: aged 2 years 6 Months.

1749 Samuel, son of William Bedford Clerk, & Susanna his Wife, Buried April 22. Aged 2 years 1 Month.

1749 Frances, Daughter of William Bedford Clerk, & Susannah his wife, Buried July 24 Aged 25 days.

1757 Judith, Daughter of William Bedford Clerk & Susanna his Wife, Aged 19, Buried March 18. N.B. Susanna, Daughter of William Bedford Clerk & Susanna his wife, Aged 25, died att London, April 17, & was Buried att S$^{t}$ George Botolph Lane In the Chancel. April 25.

1760 Thomas, son of W$^{m}$ Bedford Clerk & Susanna his wife, Died Jan$^{ry}$ 29, Buried Feb$^{ry}$ 2. Aged 26.

1768 *Susanna Wife of The Rev$^{d}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford, Died Jan$^{ry}$ 3$^{d}$ in ye 60$^{th}$ year of her Age, Buried Jan$^{ry}$ 10th Near y$^{e}$ Font In The Church of Beaksbourne.*

1770 Olivia, Daughter of y$^{e}$ Rev$^{d}$ W$^{m}$ Bedford, Died August 5. Aged 26. Buried in ye Church Aug 12.

1783 *Rev$^{d}$ William Bedford Vicar of this parish & Rector of Smarden died the 11$^{th}$ & was buried near the Font in this Church the 21$^{st.}$ Oct$^{r.}$* 1783.

## MONUMENTS IN BEKESBOURNE CHURCH.

On the North Wall of the Tower, is a Mural Tablet of white Marble, upon a black ground, supporting a blank shield between two urns. Over the shield is a demi lion sable, crowned or, holding a ball of the last between his paws. An urn of larger size occupies the apex. On an ornamental band beneath the shield is engraved:—Christus in vita et in morte est lucrum.

Near this Place lieth Interr'd
The Rev.d WILLIAM BEDFORD M.A.
57 Years Vicar of this Parish, and 56 Years Rector of Smarden.
He died 11th. October 1783, Aged 82 Years.
*His extensive Benevolence as a Man,*
*And Conscientious Discharge of his Duty as a Clergyman,*
*Had long Endeared* Him to his PARISHIONERS,
With whom He ever Lived
*In Perfect* Harmony & Friendship.
He Married SUSANNA Daughter of GILBERT KNOWLER of Hearne Esq.r
(By SUSANNA LISTER his 3.d Wife)
By whom he had Issue, 15 Children, 8 of whom with their Mother
(Who died 8th. January 1768, Aged 60 Years) are Here Interr'd.
She was a most Faithfull Wife, and tender Parent.
Their Eldest Surviving Son and Daughter,
WILLIAM BEDFORD of London, and
ANN, Relict of the late IOHN HARDY of Bridge Place Esq.r
*(Prompted by Filial Gratitude)*
have Caused this Monument to be Erected
To their Memories
A.D. 1784.

WHITE STONE ON THE FLOOR OF THE TOWER.

In Memory
of SUSANNA Wife of W.m BEDFORD
Vicar of this Church, By whom
She had 15 Children, of which
Ann, Mary, Elenora, W.m Olivia
Gilbert, Sarah, survived her.
After a faithful discharge of her
Duty 37 Years, She calmly resign'd
her Soul to God, Jan.y 3, 1768 aged 60

In Joyful hope of the Resurection
of her Body to Life Eternal.
Her Husband with 7 Children
Lament the Loss of a most Affec
tionate Wife and Tender Parent.
Near are Buried 7 of their Children

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William | died | Mar. 12 | 1732 | 8 | Weeks |
| Thomas | | Jan. 29 | —60 | 26 | |
| Elizabeth | | May 17 | —38 | 2 | |
| Judith | | Mar. 12 | —57 | 19 | Years |
| Martin | | Apr. 30 | —48 | 3 | |
| Samuel | | — 18 | —49 | 2 | |
| Frances | | July 25 | —49 | 26 | Days |

Susanna died Apr. 17: 1757 aged 26 Years
and was Buried in the Church of St. George
Botolph Lane
LONDON.

1784—1793 JOHN PORTER, D.D., was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, taking his B.A. in 1773, M.A. three years afterwards, and S.T.P. per Lit. Reg. in 1792. After his collation to the Rectory of Smarden, March 27, 1784, he was appointed Regius Professor of Hebrew, at Cambridge, in 1790 (Gent. Mag.) though in this year his signature is found in the Smarden Registers. His Professorship he resigned May 30, 1795. Having been nominated Chaplain to Earl Camden, when that Nobleman repaired to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant, he speedily obtained a Bishoprick, and having resigned Smarden, was on June 7, 1795, consecrated Bishop of Killala, and three years later was translated to Clogher.

John Porter was sometime Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge, Rector of Tansor, Northamptonshire, and in 1789 Archdeacon of Llandaff.
(Le Neve, II. 261: III, 659.)

The Bishop died July 27, 1819, and was interred in the North-west corner of the Graveyard, at Clogher. The grave is surrounded with high iron railings: there is no inscription on the slab, but upon a Tablet within the Cathedral, affixed to the South wall, close to the Transept.

MONUMENT IN CLOGHER CATHEDRAL, IRELAND.

Sacred to the memory
of the
Right Reverend JOHN PORTER, D.D.
formerly Professor of Hebrew
in the University of Cambridge
and late Lord Bishop of this Diocese,
who died on the 27th of July 1819
in the 68th year of his age
and 45th of his ministry.
deeply versed in Sacred learning
he united the Scholar
with the Gentleman
firm in his trust
and inflexibly attached to truth
in his intercourse with the world
he feared God more than man,
and in every situation of life
in which the providence
of God placed him,
he sustained the conduct and character
of a righteous man.

This monument is erected by his
afflicted family in testimony of their affection
and his merit.
Quis desiderio sit pudor aut modus
tam cari capitis.

This eminent Prelate died intestate leaving property to the amount of 240,000£

Certain members of the family have re-endowed the Bishoprick of Clogher. *John Grey Porter*, LL.B. (son of Bp. Porter), was collated a Prebendary of Kilskerry, Clogher, August 14th, 1813. Charles, another son, was Vicar of Raunds.

The Porters were a Cumberland Family. The Bishop descended from those of Weary-hall, in Bolton.

THE ARMS:—Sable, three church-bells Argent.

They are engraved in Magna Britannia, by D. Lysons. Vol. IV. p. lxxxix, 28. (Gentleman's Magazine, Vol. LXXXIX, II, p. 179. Cantab. Grad. p. 309. Fasti Ecclesiæ Hibernicæ, III, 83, 99: IV. 77. Sir George Sinclair, by James Grant.)

1793—1821 WILLIAM MACKENZIE, D.D., was collated to Smarden, December 30, 1793. From notes in the Parish Register, made by his own hand, it appears he erected an additional end to the Rectory, and sank a well, remarking "that this was considered a great acquisition, as there never was a pump at the parsonage before, the water in summer being very forbidding out of the pond before the house." This was probably part of the old moat, three sides of which are still traceable. Upon various improvements about the house and premises, Mackenzie spent upwards of £450, and it was at his instance that the Vestry was erected on the South side of the chancel, in 1815.

William Mackenzie was, what would now be called a sporting Parson, being fond of his gun. Tradition

relates a well-authenticated story, how the Rector, whilst out shooting one day, brought down a pheasant which fell into what is termed a hassock. Here was a boggy spot where the soil had at some time been removed, possibly to obtain iron ore. In his haste to secure the bird, the worthy Rector fell waist-deep into a pit. Being unable to extricate himself, he naturally shouted aloud for help. His cries arrested the attention of two of his rustic parishioners, one close at hand did his utmost to release the sufferer, but unable to do so alone, ran to obtain the assistance of a man ploughing not far distant. The deplorable plight of the unhappy Rector was speedily described, but the ploughman persisted in plodding to the end of the furrow at his usual slow measured pace, before coming to the rescue, satirically observing, that, he saw no immediate hurry, as "the Parson would not be wanted before Sunday." However, in due time he lent a hand, and the Rector was extricated from the quagmire. Some may deem this tale unworthy of record, be it so, yet we read in an older book of a better prophet, whose fate was somewhat similar. (Jer. xxxviii, 6.)

On the 10th of April, 1821, Mackenzie in signing the Parish Register, describes himself as Rector of Burwash, in Sussex, having effected an exchange with his successor. This benefice he sold in 1824, (though he did not give up possession till his death), and was instituted to Hescomb, in Surrey. (Gent.Mag. xiv, 216.) He died at Ringmer in Sussex, June 4th, 1840, and was buried in the Churchyard of Burwash, as appears by the Register of that Parish:

1840 *June* 12. *W^m^ Mackenzie Rector & Vicar of this parish.* (*abode*) *Ringmere* (*aged*) 82.

## MONUMENTS IN BURWASH CHURCH.

*On the North Wall of the Chancel are two neat Tablets.*

In memory of his dearly beloved wife
CHRISTIAN
with whom he lived forty two years
in the uninterrupted state of
connubial happiness
this Marble is consecrated
By the Reverend WILLIAM MACKENZIE, A.M.
Rector and Vicar of this parish.
She died in the faith of Christ
Mar: 17, 1822 and is buried at the North end
of the Communion table here
In a vault built for that purpose.
They had issue two lovely girls who died
in their infancy.
In the same vault are deposited the remains of
the late WILLIAM MACKENZIE, D.D.
For nineteen years Rector & Vicar of this parish,
& thirty years Rector of Smarden in Kent.
who died June 4th 1840 aged
about 82 years.

Sacred to the memory of
ROBERT SEAFORTH MACKENZIE,
Ensign of H.M. 78th Highlanders, & only son of the late
Revd WILLIAM MACKENZIE D.D.
Rector of this parish
By Anne his second wife
who died in Bombay on the 15th of
June 1843
in the 20th year of his age.

(Hist. of Sussex, by T. W. Horsfield, I, 579: Gent. Mag. 1822, I, 477: XIV, 216.)

1821—1834 WHITFELD CURTEIS, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. 1801, and M.A. 1804, was appointed to Burwash in 1806, which he held till collated to Smarden, March 24, 1821. (Gent. Mag. p. 1240.)

Mr. Curteis was a Magistrate, and petty cases were brought before him for trial. Many of the Parishioners remember with gratitude this kind and generous Rector, and also his widow who left a small legacy to the poor of Smarden. The worthy Rector died at Bath on the last day of July, 1834, at the age of 56: Mrs. Curteis died October 22, 1853.

There is a Monument to the former at Bethersden, and Memorials to the latter may be found at Ashford.

MONUMENT IN BETHERSDEN CHURCH.

*White Marble tablet on dove coloured ground upon the North wall of the North Aisle.*

In memory of the late
Rev.d WHITFELD CURTEIS M. A.
Rector of Smarden in this county;
who died at Bath, on the 31.st day of July 1834, aged 56.
His attention to the wants of the poor,
and his kind and conciliatory conduct towards all his parishioners
deservedly procured for him their highest respect and esteem,
he lived in the sincere regard of his numerous relations and friends,
and died deeply regretted.
The remains of himself and sister were desposited
in the crypt of S.t Saviour's Church, Walcot, Somersetshire,
Also of MARY Widow of the above
Rev.d WHITFELD CURTEIS M. A.
who died on the 22.nd of October 1853, in the 69.th year of her age
MARY ANNE CURTEIS,
his sister, died at Bath,
on the 2.nd day of June 1835, aged 51.

S. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, BATH.

*In the Crypt.*

MARY ANNE CURTEIS
Sister of the under
Died
June 2nd 1835
Aged 51

The Revd
WHITFELD CURTEIS
Rector of Smarden in
Kent
Died July 31st 1834
Aged 56

MEMORIALS IN ASHFORD CHURCH, KENT.

*Inscription beneath the North light of the East window of the South Chancel aisle.*

Memor amicitiæ MARIÆ. Rev. W. CURTEIS. M: A:
viduæ, quæ obt Ani Æt. 69, A: D: 1853, hanc fenes-
-tram ornavit Revd I. P. ALCOCK. M.A. hujus eccl: Vic:

*Close to the spot where she is buried is a white marble tablet, on the West wall of the South Transept.*

Sacred to the memory of
MARY CURTEIS,
widow of the late Revd WHITFELD CURTEIS. M.A.
Rector of Smarden,
and daughter of the late BERTRAM and ANN THORNE,
of this Parish;
who died on the 22nd of October 1853,
in the 69th year of her age.
"Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband?"
"It is well."

II. Kings, IV Chap. 26 verse.

Above the Tablet are—

THE ARMS:—a chev, sa. bet. three oxen cab, impaling gu. a fess or. bet. 3 lions ramp.

For Pedigree of Curteis, see Berry's Kent Pedigrees, p. 69. (British Magazine, VI, 345. History of Sussex, by T. W. Horsfield, I, 578.)

1834—1857 ISAAC MOSSOP was the son of Clement and Eleanor Mossop, of Rottington Hall, in the Parish of Saint Bees, Cumberland.

His family came thither from Thornholme, near Calder Bridge, about the year 1731. He was educated at Saint Bees Grammar School, and afterwards at York.

Mr. Mossop was Curate of Pluckley, Kent, his name being found in the Parish books as early as 1804. This Curacy he continued to hold till appointed by Archbishop Sutton to the Vicarage of Cranbrook.

(Gent. Mag. LXXXIII, 281.)

His signature in the Registers there, first occurs April 29, 1813, but he apparently abstained from parochial business, for more than six years after his appointment as Vicar, because his name does not appear in the Vestry Minute Book till 23rd August, 1819, which leaves us to infer that he never took the chair at a Vestry Meeting during that period.

The Vicarage of Cranbrook was not worth in those days £150 per annum, but from the Gentleman's Magazine, (XCI, ii, p. 467,) it appears that Mr. Mossop was a pluralist, being appointed to the Perpetual Curacy of Nonington, with Womenswould, in 1821. This announcement is confirmed by entries in the Baptism and Burial Books of the former, thus:—

"That upon the Death of William Davis Clerk of this Parish April 1826, Thomas Finn was appointed his successor by Isaac Mossop then Perpetual Curate."

During his residence at Cranbrook, the great agitation throughout the country for Parliamentary reform occurred. To this measure the Vicar was strongly opposed, and by so doing he rendered himself unpopular with the majority of his Parishioners. During the early part of his ministry at Cranbrook, the following couplet appeared relating to the Vicar :—

"Yet this much I may say, (and deny it who can)
The Rev. I Mossop's an orthodox man."

(Cranbrook, by Tyro-carmine, Pub. 1819, p. 12.)

For a further account of the Vicar's career at Cranbrook, W. Tarbutt's "*Annals of Cranbrook Church*" (Lecture III, p. 77.) should be consulted.

Whilst at Cranbrook a new Vicarage house was built, also National Schools were erected in his day. After holding that Benefice twenty one years, he was promoted to the Rectory of Smarden 14th October, 1834.

(British Mag. VI, 578. Gent. Mag. 1834, II, 640.)

In 1850 he left Smarden, where he had added a new front to the Rectory, besides erecting stables; and retired to Saint Bees. Here he died, a bachelor, on the 10th, and was buried on the 14th of January, 1857, aged 80 years. There is no monument to his memory. (Gent. Mag. 1857, 248.) His Will was proved in May. (Printed abstracts, 396.)

1857—1876 FREDERICK FITZHERBERT HASLEWOOD, M.A., eldest son of William Haslewood, Barrister at law, professional adviser of the hero Nelson, and one of his executors, was born 3rd December, 1803, in Fitzroy Square, London. He was educated at Harrow, and being intended for the army (H.E.I.C.S.), entered in 1820, the military school at Addiscombe; but after obtaining his commission, decided not to go to India, and proceeded

to S. John's College, Cambridge, where the Rev. W. Wilson's reading prize was adjudged to him in 1824. He also obtained two other prizes, and a scholarship. After taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, as Fifth Senior Optime, in 1827, and that of Master three years later, he received ordination at the hands of the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Law), and being admitted into the Priesthood, by Bishop Howley, of London, the following year, 1828, was appointed to the cure of Souls, at Boughton Monchelsea, Kent.

Mr. Haslewood held several important curacies, being licensed to West Peckham, in 1831, and All Saints, Maidstone, three years afterwards. Whilst resident here his indefatigable efforts soon became apparent.

Church accommodation was at that time greatly needed, for the population of Maidstone was then 17,000, and the West Borough containing about 1,500 souls, had no place of worship therein. An opportunity of meeting this deficiency now presented itself. The remains of an old ecclesiastical building existed in that part of the town, where such want was most felt, known as the old *Pilgrims' Chapel.* This very interesting building was so-called from the circumstance of its having been frequented by pilgrims on their way to the shrine of Saint Thomas à Becket at Canterbury. According to Hasted (IV, p. 307), Archbishop Boniface, about the year 1260, A.D., built a *college*, or *hospital* for poor travellers, in the West borough, on the bank of the river Medway, at Maidstone. It was dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, and called the hospital of the *new work* of Presteshelle, in Meydestane, and in process of time the *Newerk*,

hence *Newark*. This institution was suppressed in A.D. 1386, when the College of All Saints was founded. The energetic Curate of Maidstone was a great lover of architecture, and student of matters ecclesiological, and therefore the first to entertain the idea of restoring the dilapidated shell of the old Chapel then desecrated, by being used as a store-house, by a firm of brewers. The project had the sanction of the Archbishop, and the Rev. James Reeve, the Incumbent; and Mr. J. Whichcord, of Maidstone, was employed as Architect to carry out the designs for the restoration. Though the old Chapel had fallen into such a ruinous condition, the eye of the Antiquarian could not fail to admire this excellent example of Gothic architecture, visible in the deeply moulded lancet windows, particularly at the East end. The old Chapel was only 59ft. 6in. long, by 25ft. 1in. wide, and 33ft. high from floor to ceiling. This building was lengthened, and by the addition of a transept, enlarged to contain 664 sittings. The present accommodation is for 417 persons. The removal of a very deep gallery, at the West end explains this difference in numbers.

The Church, in its restored and enlarged state, was first opened as a Protestant place of worship, by licence, from the Archbishop of Canterbury (Howley), July 16th, 1837; and consecrated August 15th, 1839. The total cost was £4,025, including organ, and furniture. The first Minister appointed thereto was the Rev. George Davey, B.A.

(Maidstone and its Environs, by S. C. L., 1834, p. 7. Topography of Maidstone, by J. Smith, 1839, p. 20. History of Maidstone, by J. M. Russell, p. 144. History of College of All Saints, Maidstone, by Beale Poste, p. 9. History of Maidstone, by Wm. Newton, p. 30. Brit. Mag. IV, 465 : V, 101 : VI, 104.)

Upon leaving Maidstone, in 1839, Mr. Haslewood was licensed as Curate in the united parishes of All Saints, with Saint Clement's, Hastings, and after two years was appointed to Rainham, Kent. Here also he greatly exerted himself, National Schools being erected mainly through his instrumentality. Cholera raged as an epidemic during his sojourn here, and the number of deaths, for so small a place, was appalling. The Curate however displayed his fearless disposition by taking a prominent part, in advocating the use of disinfectants, and other precautions, whilst faithfully discharging his ministerial duties. He resigned the Curacy of Rainham, to accept that of Smarden, to which he was licensed 13, February, 1851.

Upon the death of his Rector, Isaac Mossop, Archbishop Sumner, collated Mr. Haslewood to this Benefice, on the 3rd of February, 1857: preferment which indeed he merited after a service as curate for upwards of thirty years.

The early Military training of the Rector, appeared in his precision of character, gait, and personal appearance. He had a fine voice, was a good reader, and excellent preacher.

The Rev. F. F. Haslewood's printed works are:—

"An address delivered at the Opening of the New School-House, at Rainham, November 9, 1846." (pp. 14.)

Advice of a spiritual and practical character, "To the Parishioners of Rainham" in reference to the Cholera, in 1849. (pp. 4.)

A Sermon on "Joshua in old age" delivered in Rainham Church June 10th, 1849, during the prevalence of Cholera in that Parish. (pp. 10.) "Remarks on Church Rates," by a Country Curate, 1853, (pp. 15.) "Objections to the Proposed Lectionary Bill, submitted to both Houses of the Legislature, by a Kentish Rector," 1871, (pp. 8.) and "A letter on the Burials Bill, and Denominational Schools" 1871, (pp. 4.)

Mr. Haslewood strongly advocated the education of the poorer classes, and whilst at Maidstone (Journal Oct. 28, 1834), pleaded from the pulpit of Trinity Church, with that object in view, and his zeal in this cause afterwards appeared both at Rainham and Smarden.

He married at Saint James', Westminster, 1834, Charlotte Elizabeth, eldest daughter of George Dering, Esq., of Barham Court, Kent, (British Mag, VI, 104), by whom he left six surviving children.

I. Rev. Frederick George Haslewood, LL.D. : D.C.L., Vicar of Chislet, Kent, who was born March 19, 1835, and married at Saint Mary's, Bryanston Square, London, on the 27th May, 1869, Louisa, second daughter of the late Andrew John William Lyon, Esq. His family consists of:—

(1) Charles George Dering, born 1 May, 1870.
(2) Frederick William Waraker, born 9 December, 1871.
(3) Christopher Francis Beevor, born 9 February, 1873.
(4) Laura Elizabeth, born 14 March, 1874.
(5) Mary Charlotte, born 28 February, 1875.
(6) Noel Alfred Fitzherbert, born 26 December, 1881.
(7) Arthur Ethelbert Lyon, born 21 June, 1883.

II. Charlotte Cordelia Haslewood, married at Brighton, 21 January, 1879, Elijah Crosier Bailey, (a Widower), of the Shrubbery, Norwich, for many years Clerk of the Peace for that City, and a Director of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Company. He died 7th August, 1883, aged 65, and was buried in Stoke Holy Cross Churchyard, next Norwich, by the side of his former wife. A marble monument marks the spot.

PLAIN CROSS IN CHURCHYARD.

I. H. S.

In memory of
JANE SARAH
Wife of
ELIJAH CROSIER BAILEY
Born 26th January 1824
Died 30th October 1873

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Beside Her
Ten years later
Was laid
ELIJAH CROSIER BAILEY
Clerk of the Peace for the City of Norwich
Born 10th January 1818.
Died 7th August 1883.

III. William Peter Haslewood, born 21 May, 1838, died 10 December, 1839.

UPRIGHT STONE IN ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD, HASTINGS.

To the memory of
WILLIAM PETER HASLEWOOD,
second son of the
Rev. F. F. Haslewood M.A.
Curate of this parish,
and of Charlotte Elizabeth his wife
born at Maidstone May 21, 1838,
died at Hastings Dec. 10 1839.

*And it came to pass, when the man of God,*
*saw her afar off, that he said..... ...*
*Is it well with thee?*
*Is it well with thy husband?*
*Is it well with the child?*
*And she answered it is well.*
2. *Kings* iv. 25, 26.

IV. Rev. Francis Haslewood, A.K.C., F.S.A., Rector of S. Matthew's, Ipswich, born May 2, 1840, married at Littleton, Surrey, on the last day of May, 1866, Frances Ellen Henderson, by whom he has had children as follows:—

(1) George Edmund, born 11 March, died 10 August, 1868, buried at Kensal Green.
(2) Francis Frederick, born 23 April, 1869.
(3) Herbert Dering, born 20 April, 1870.
(4) Alice Cordelia, born 31 August, 1872.
(5) Charlotte Elizabeth, born 4 December, 1874.
(6) Eveline Fanny, born 5 December, 1876.
(7) Vivian Charles, born 1 June, 1879.
(8) George Robert, born 3 March, 1881.

V. Caroline Haslewood, unmarried.

VI. Emily Elizabeth Haslewood, married at Smarden Church, 23 October, 1866, Rev. Seaman Curteis Tress Beale, M.A., only child of Seaman and Mary Jeffery (née Curteis) Beale, formerly Vicar of Saint Michael's, Tenterden. [See Page 306.]

(Berry's Kentish Genealogies, pp. 22, 67.)

Their children are:—

(1) Gordon Francis Tracy Beale, born 30th November 1867.
(2) Richard Curteis Dering Beale, born 11th June 1869.
(3) Cara Mary Beale, born 17th January 1871.
(4) Walter Herbert Beale, born 13th October 1872.

VII. Louisa Fanny Haslewood. married at Smarden Church, 3 April, 1866, Rev. John Frederick Blake, M.A., Professor of Science, University College, Nottingham.

These are the names of their children:—

(1) Robert Frederick Blake, born 14th March, 1867.
(2) Arthur Henry Blake, born 6th October, 1868, died 27 February, 1869.
(3) Philip Dering Blake, born 18th September, 1870.
(4) Francis James Blake, born 19th February, 1871.
(5) Mary Louise Blake, born 4th October, 1872.

Mrs. Haslewood died upon the anniversary of her wedding day June 12, 1867, and was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery.

The Rev. F. F. Haslewood, in consequence of declining health resigned his Benefice, 15 March, 1876, under the "Incumbents Resignation Act" (1871), and retired like his father before him, to Brighton, where he died on the 25th of November, in that year, and his remains were conveyed to London, on the 30th, and laid in the same grave with his wife. A white marble Monument marks their resting-place.

KENSAL GREEN CEMETERY.

*On a coped Monument of white marble.*

THE REVEREND
FREDERICK FITZHERBERT HASLEWOOD, M.A.
LATE SCHOLAR OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,
RECTOR OF SMARDEN, KENT, 1857—1876
DIED AT BRIGHTON NOVEMBER 25TH 1876. AGED 72 YEARS.
"*He hath delivered my soul in peace.*" PSALM LV. 18.

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*(on the other side.)*

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH,
WIFE OF THE REVD F. F. HASLEWOOD,
RECTOR OF SMARDENN, KENT,
DIED JUNE 12TH 1867, AGED 63 YEARS.
"*Weep not for me.*" ST. LUKE XXIII. 28

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*(on the end next the path.)*

No. 20,426.
FAMILY GRAVE
OF THE
REVD F. F. HASLEWOOD.

The ARMS of this Family are:—

On a chevron gules between three owls sable, as many lozenges ermine, on a chief azure three hazel branches, or.

CREST:—A squirrel sejant azure collared or, charged with three bezants in pale, holding a hazel branch proper, fructed or.

The MOTTO—*Quod me mihi reddit amicum.* Horace, Bk. I. Epistle, xviii, 101. That which makes me on good terms with myself, *i.e.* a good conscience.

Quod me mihi reddit amicum.

FREDERICK FITZHERBERT HASLEWOOD.

For Genealogy see "Family of Haslewood," Shropshire Branch (pp. 15), 1875: and that of Dering (pp. 35), 1876: both by the Author of the "Antiquities of Smarden, Kent."

PARISH REGISTER AT SAINT PANCRAS, MIDDLESEX.

BAPTISM.

1804 Feb. 6. Frederick Fitzherbert, son of William and Maria Haslewood, (Date of birth) Dec. 3rd 1803.

PARISH REGISTER AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

BAPTISM.

1804 Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of George & Elizabeth Dering, April 22d May 21st

PARISH REGISTER AT SAINT JAMES, WESTMINSTER.

MARRIAGE.

1834 Frederick Fitzherbert Haslewood, of the Parish of Maidstone, Kent, and Charlotte Elizabeth Dering, of the Parish of St James', Westminster, Spinster, were Married in this Church, by License this twelfth Day of June in the Year 1834.

By me, Phillips Monypenny
in the presence of George C. R. Dering
Wm Haslewood

REGISTER OF ALL SOULS' CEMETERY, KENSAL GREEN.

BURIAL.

1876 Nov. 30. Reverend Frederick Fitzherbert Haslewood, 2, Walpole Terrace, Brighton, 72 (By) R. Johnson.

(Thus the service was conducted by his successor at Smarden.)

1876—1878 ROBERT JOHNSON, M.A., was born May 6th 1831, at Spinney Abbey, Cambridgeshire, and after being educated at Merchant Taylor's School, was like his predecessor, scholar of S. John's College, Cambridge, where he took the degree of B.A., 1854, and that of M.A. three years later. He held the Curacies of Alvingham with N. Cockerington, 1855—56, and King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, 1856—58, and was instituted to the Vicarage of Chislet, Kent, 6 May, 1858.

Mr. Johnson was twice married;

First to Anne, second daughter of the late Jonathan Flower, Esq., of Feltwell Place, Norfolk, by whom he had issue, Isabel Elizabeth Prinzessin, born 16th Dec., 1854, and John Robert, both deceased.

Secondly to Eliza Mary, eldest daughter of the late William Nurse, Esq., of Hill House, Feltwell, Norfolk.

Whilst Vicar of Chislet, the Parish Church underwent restoration, and was re-opened 15th July, 1866, and Schools were erected in 1864, both works being mainly due to his exertions.

PARISH REGISTER AT CHISLET.

BAPTISM.

1858 John Robert, born 18th April, baptized 20th June, son of Robert and Anne Johnson, of Chislet, Clerk in Holy Orders.

BURIALS.

1858 Dec. 30, Anne Johnson, aged 26 years.
1859 March 16, John Robert Johnson, aged 10 months.
1871 March 28, Isabel Elisabeth Prinzessin Johnson, aged 16 years.

MONUMENTS AT CHISLET.

*(On a coped stone, between the two following, on the West side of Churchyard.)*

✠ In Memory of
ANNE, the beloved wife of the Rev. ROBT JOHNSON, M.A., Vicar of Chislet, who died Xmas Eve A.D. MDCCCLVIII,
aged XXVI years, in the hope of a joyful Resurrection through Christ. ✠

*On an upright stone.*

Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.
JOHN ROBERT
infant son of
the Rev. ROBERT
and ANNE JOHNSON,
baptized XX June,
died XII March,
A.D. MDCCCLIX
aged X months.

(On an upright stone with cross.)

Sacred

to the memory of

ISABEL ELIZABETH

PRINZESSIN JOHNSON,

who died 23rd March A.D, 1871,

aged 16 years

"In the midst of life we are in death."

Robert Johnson was instituted to the Rectory of Smarden 16 March, and inducted into that benefice 5 April, 1876, but continued Rector there only two years, having effected an exchange with his successor for the Vicarage of Hornchurch, Essex, March 28, 1878, where he now resides.

Robert Johnson is the third son of John Appleyard Johnson, of Wicken Hall, in the County of Cambridge, and Elizabeth, only daughter of William Aspland, Esq., of Wicken, in the same County. His eldest brother, John Johnson, resides at Thetford Abbey, Norfolk, and his other only surviving brother, Frederick Appleyard Johnson, lives at Wicken Hall, Cambridgeshire.

The above-named John Appleyard was the eldest son of John Johnson (the Rector's grandfather), of Burwell Hall, and Mary, co-heiress of William Appleyard, Esq., of Burgh Hall, in the Parish of Little Swaffham, Cambridgeshire, whose arms her descendants are entitled to bear.

The Appleyards are an ancient Norfolk family, and have been distinguished in that County.

The ARMS of this family:—Az. a chev. or, between three owls arg. (For Appleyard see Blomfield's Hist. of Norfolk, I, 180, III, 123.)

CREST, an owl.

MOTTO—Nil conscire sibi: from Horace (Epistle I, Book I, verse 61.)

Hic murus aheneus esto,
*Nil conscire sibi*, nulla pallescere culpa.
Let this be a *man's* brazen wall,
*To be conscious of no ill*, to turn pale with no guilt.

It might be freely translated "a conscience void of offence."

1878 THOMAS HENRY GRIFFITH, B.C.L., the present Rector, late Fellow of New College, Oxford, S.C.L. 1850, and B.C.L. 1856, when be was ordained Deacon, and Priest the following year. He held the Vicarage of Hornchurch from 1863 till instituted by Archbishop Tait, at Addington, on May 3rd to Smarden, and inducted on the following day, "reading himself in" May 5th 1878.

Mr. Griffith married April 21, 1863, at Kingston, Berks., Fanny Winterton, only child of the Rev. James Forbes Jowett, Rector of Kingston. (Gent. Mag. p. 782). By this marriage he had five daughters:

Gertrude Crawfurd, Mabel Nesta Forbes, Ethel Borde, Maud Halliday, and Harriot Winterton.

He married secondly, March 31, 1880, at Barton-le-Cley, Beds., Ada Victorine Augusta, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Willson, C.B. 4th (King's Own) Regiment. The Rector has re-built the greater part of the Rectory.

His ARMS are:—Gules, on a fess indented argent, between six lions rampant or, 3 martlets sable.

CREST: a demi woman, habited proper.

MOTTO: A fin.

The Pedigree of Borde, of Lindfield (Mr. Griffith's first wife) is given in the Sussex Archæological Collections, Vol. VI. p. 203, pub. 1853.

FOLKESTONE CEMETERY.

*On a Marble Cross.*

In memory of
FANNY WINTERTON GRIFFITH
The beloved wife
of
Rev. T. H. GRIFFITH
Rector of Smarden, Kent,
Died Nov. 17th 1878.

## NAMES OF CURATES.

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| 1552 | George Wyght | 1697 | Meade |
| 1554 | Geo. Heydon | 1722 | Tho. Hudson |
| 1562 | Matthew Wolton | 1733 | Richd Nangle |
| 1576 | Thomas Helye | 1735 | R. Lawrence |
| 1589 | Edward Denmer | 1737 | Rob. Pemberton |
| 1594 | Mr Drainer [Edward Drainer of Smarden (Minister) was married to Clare Dearinge the xxv. Aprill, 1592. Pluckley Register.] | 1744 | James Boys |
| | | 1747 | James Baxter |
| | | 1748 | W. Milner |
| | | 1754 | Edward Sedgwick |
| | | 1755 | Lilly Butler |
| 1606 | Thomas Harman | 1756 | William Ramsay |
| 1615—18 | John Hawkins | 1758 | Solomon Pawley. (His Monument in the Chancel) |
| 1630 | Henry Ely | | |
| 1630—2 | Edward Henshaw | 1777 | James Atkins |
| 1637 | John Terrye | 1786 | Thos. Kirkbank |
| 1639 | Caleb Longlye subclericus Paterfam sepultus Oct. 6 | 1790 | Wm Bennett |
| | | 1805 | W. Rowlands |
| 1663 | Robt. Combe | 1807 | J. D. Gilmore |
| 1667 | Daniel Wilson | 1828 | Watkin Price |
| 1672 | Sam. Whiston, M.A. [Afterwards Vicar of Headcorn] | 1831 | Charles Otway Mayne |
| | | 1833 | E. F. Chamberlayne |
| 1673 | Thomas Jones | 1848—50 | H. W. Brown |
| 1680 | Oct. 12. Mr. Thomas Farnsfield late curate of Smarden buried | 1850—57 | F. F. Haslewood, M.A. [Afterwards Rector] |
| | | 1874 | C. A. Watts |

1878 Robert Richard Duke, LL.B

1883—84 Ernest William Bartlett, Univ. of London. Deacon 1873, Priest 1874. Formerly Curate of Barton-Turf w. Irstead, Norfolk, 1873-75. Yalding, Kent, 1875-81. Curate in charge of Yalding, 1882. Vicar of Queenborough, Kent.

1885 Thomas Jackson Sewell. In 1875 elected a Hastings Exhibitioner of Queen's College, Oxford. B.A. 1879, (First class Mathematics), M.A. 1882. Deacon 1881, Priest 1882. Formerly Sen. Math. Master of the Grammar School, and Curate of All SS. Coventry 1881-82, afterwards Senior Master of the Cathedral School at Peterborough, and Licensed Preacher in that Diocese.

## THE SITUATION OF SMARDEN AND ITS HIGHWAYS.

Smarden has been visited by at least two of our English Sovereigns, Edward I, in A.D. 1299, and Queen Elizabeth in 1573. The original charter for a weekly Market was granted by Edward III, and confirmed by the Great Maiden Queen.

Tourists and Archæologists may find much to interest them by rambling in the neighbourhood.

Smarden (Fat Valley) is delightfully situated in the Weald (Woody tract) of Kent, mid-way between Headcorn and Pluckley stations, on that part of the South Eastern Line, called (because so straight and level), the "Railway Race-course."

With regard to the highways, the first mention of them is found in the Churchwardens' Books, thus: —

1542. Layd out for the bequeth and legacy of John Wollton decessyd and Jone hys wiffe for reparynge and mendynge of the cherche bredge in Smarden xx$^{li}$

1568. In this year was Leyd owt in mendynge of the most nedefull ways in Smarden for the bequeth and legacy of the last wyll of Tomsyn Norton of Faversome for the stone caryage and laynge xxiiij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

The roads at this period must have been execrably bad, for Hasted, who wrote at the end of the last century, speaks of Smarden as lying in a flat low situation, very unpleasant and watery, the soil being a

deep clay, and describes the turnpike roads from Charing to Biddenden, Cranbrook, and Tenterden, as being in winter, or after any wet weather, hardly passable, even for waggons.

This should not have been the case, as an Act of Parliament was passed in 1766 (6 Geo. III. Local Acts, chap. 93, f. 917, Bibliotheca Cantiana, p. 46), for "Amending and widening the Road from Biddenden, through the Towns of Smarden and Charing." These roads being in a ruinous condition, &c., Trustees were appointed to carry this Act into execution. Among those named are Sir Edward Dering, Bart., Rev. Bedford, Rector of Smarden; Richard Beale, Seaman Beale, Jenkin Hague, Richard Haffenden, James Haffenden, John Haffenden, Rev. Jones, Rector of Pluckley; Charles Ottaway, Charles Ottaway, junior, William Pattenson, William Pattenson, junior, Josias Pattenson, Samuel Pattenson, Rev. Josias Pomfrett, George Sayer, Rev. Nicholas Toke, Rev. Edward Watkinson, Rector of Little Chart, &c. Seven of the trustees constituted a quorum, and were empowered to erect turnpikes and toll-houses, &c.

The great Kent historian observes the badness of the road was due to "the want of having had any improvement ever made on it since the trust had been created."

Hasted's description of the highways was not exaggerated, for some of the oldest inhabitants remember the turnpike road through the town being macadamised, and so infamously bad, that waggons with their teams stuck fast in the street, whilst the windows of the houses were splashed with mud. Traffic in those days was carried on, for the most part, by pack horses, and these laden with corn, &c., travelled over the paved causeways, most of which have of late years been broken up for the repair of the roads. When the railway was contemplated an old inhabitant was asked whether he would not be surprised to behold such a wonderful thing; his rejoinder was, that he should not be so much astonished to see an iron road, as he was to see a hard one through Smarden.

As illustrating the condition of the roads fifty years ago, many

remember an old Sedan chair, which as late as the year 1851, stood in the tower of the parish church. It was kept there for the use of any parishioners who desired to avail themselves of the same to convey them to church. One named Munk employed it for this purpose, and there are persons now living who have been frequently carried therein to the sacred edifice. A story is told of its having been called into requisition upon one occasion, when a yeoman had been indulging too freely at the village inn. Being unable to walk, both he and his large dog were placed in this Sedan chair to be carried homeward. When the party reached the house the dog, unaccustomed to such travelling, bounded through the glass window, and the wife came out terrified, fearing her husband had met with some accident. Her fears, however, were soon allayed, and it is believed the Chair was not required again upon such an occasion. With the improvement of the highways Sedan Chairs went out of date, and the one which found a home beneath the old church tower, being no longer required, was sold by the parish officers. Its ultimate use was to serve as a shelter for the brick burner, whilst he watched his nocturnal fires at the brick-fields, formerly near the Bell, on the Headcorn road.

Other tales are told about ancient travelling prior to the days of Bath Chairs, which, considering the state of the roads, would have been an uneasy means of locomotion, at any rate for invalids. It is said that one zealous churchman, sooner than forego public worship, was upon one occasion conveyed to the church in a wheelbarrow.

The present generation can hardly comprehend the badness of the roads in the days of yore, indeed many of the highways were, at times, altogether impassable, notably those to Hamden, Omenden Green, Egerton, and notoriously that to the adjacent village of Bethersden. The condition of these roads is well remembered by the author, prior to their being macadamised, that close to Romden being perhaps the most infamous.

With regard to the Iron-road, three miles and a quarter of which pass through the parish of Smarden.

This line was first projected in 1833. The engineering difficulties were inconsiderable, the direction it was to take being "almost a mathematical straight line and dead level." A plan of the London and Dover Railway was discussed in 1836, but great opposition was raised to its construction. However, in the following year operations were commenced. (Railway Magazine, by J. Herapath, II. 275. v. 429.)

The Chairman of the London and Dover Railway, in 1845, was Sir John Kirkland; and Charles Knight Murray, Esq., was one of the Directors. In the following year these names do not appear, and with a change in the board of Directors, the line was henceforward known as "The South Eastern Railway." (Railway Directory, by H. Tuck, p. 7.)

In these days we are so accustomed to the sight of trains, that it seems strange to read that in January 1842, the first locomotive engine for the South Eastern and Dover line was received at London Station in the previous week. The paper *(Maidstone Gazette)* states it was a six-wheel engine, and cost £1,600, and that it was the intention of the S. E. Co. generally, to adopt the six-wheel engines.

The line was opened to Tunbridge on the 26th of May, 1842.

Headcorn was for sometime the terminus. Previous to the construction of the railway, no such place as Paddock-wood existed. The station there was at first known as Maidstone Road, and coaches were advertised to convey passengers from Maidstone to meet certain trains: Time tables then being called "Down Bills" and "Up Bills."

*The Extension of the Line to Headcorn* is thus advertised in the *Maidstone Gazette*, "an additional length of 15 miles from Tunbridge to Headcorn will be opened for passenger traffic *on and after Wednesday, 31st August*, 1842." And the same paper dated September 13, announces that on Wednesday last, the opening of the Railway to Headcorn was celebrated by a dinner given by Mr. Betts, the principal contractor, to the various gentlemen connected with the road, and their friends. Among the company was Mr. May, of Ipswich.

A further portion of the South Eastern (London and Dover) Railway was opened November 28, 1842, when a special train brought

down the directors and principal officers of the Company, who were joined by several of the most respectable and influential persons of the district (*Maidstone Gazette*, November 29, 1842.)

Some account of the proceedings appears in the *Gentleman's Magazine* (Vol. xix. p. 82., January 1843). "From Headcorn the line runs almost due east, through a flat, but charming part of the Weald of Kent. The engineering difficulties in this portion, therefore, have been unusually slight. The views on each side are uninterrupted, and the passenger can see the charming vale, which is bounded on one side by the North Downs, and on the other by forest ridges. The only feature of particular interest is the wooden or Swiss bridges over some of the streams, which appear to be as strong for the passage of the train as ordinary brick or stone work."

There is another account in the *Maidstone Gazette* (December 6, 1842.) We there read on Thursday, Ashford and adjacent villages poured out their population to see "the hissing, wheezing, screeching, screaming thing." The Chairman at dinner observed that in 1835, when the company commenced its undertaking, a great doubt existed whether the project would succeed, and of the then directors only one remained. The trains commenced running through Smarden from Ashford to London, December 1, 1842.

Prior to the completion of the line, stage coaches were allowed to pass from Ashford, through Sir Edward Dering's grounds, to Headcorn. (Furley's Kent. II. 663.)

## THE ANCIENT CLOTH TRADE.

The Flemish weavers, when invited to this country by Edward III., found Cranbrook a favourable centre for carrying on their trade, for the peculiar marl they needed; and other things necessary for their plant such as timber, water, etc., were here to be had in abundance.

An interesting paper upon this subject, by W. Tarbutt, explains how the Flemish manufacturers became noted for their *fine* woollen cloths. Their secret lay in the art of fulling or milling the cloth after it came from the loom. This was performed by the use of marl and water, the wool being purified from grease by means of wooden hammers driven by water-power. By this process a smooth and even surface was produced, and thus the weald of Kent became celebrated for its broad-cloth. (Archæologia Cantiana, ix., xcvi.)

That both woollen and linen goods were fabricated at Smarden appears from the numerous entries found in both the Churchwardens' and Overseers' books. From a study of these we are enabled to learn something of the various processes, as well as the technical terms employed by those familiar with the trade.

Spinning was performed either on a wheel or with a distaff and spindle.

This art afforded occupation in every English home, the work being usually performed by the unmarried ladies of the house; hence the word "spinster."

The machinery for the manufacture of cloth differed from that required for linen.

For the former there were what were termed "woollen wheels." These were larger and heavier than those employed for spinning flax: they usually had no foot treadle, the wheel being made to revolve by the hand upon the spokes. This process was practically illustrated by a Welsh girl at the International Inventions Exhibition of 1885. A wheel of this description, formerly in use at Woodchurch, was purchased by the author in 1874, and presented to the Museum at Maidstone.

The spinning wheel for flax differed from the other, being of smaller size and propelled by the foot.

That Smarden at one time, and certainly as early as the reign of Henry VI., was celebrated for the manufacture of broad-cloth, appears from the number of those who joined John Cade's rebellion, as many

as twelve cloth makers and weavers, besides fullers, &c., being mentioned among the insurgents. (Archæologia Cantiana, vii., 262.)

Peculiar expressions are found in the parish books in connexion with the manufactures for which Smarden and the neighbourhood were at one time celebrated; such, for example, as "carding," "combing the wool," "milling the woollsey," "wetting," "hitchling the flax," &c.

These terms are well explained in an account of spinning and weaving by J. E. Chambers, in his Cyclopædia published in 1788, a period when the trade was in a flourishing condition.

The process known as "carding" is made clear. It was performed by a card, from the Latin carduus, which denotes the fuller's teazle, a kind of thistle, whose head was used to smooth and range the nap of cloth. There were divers sorts of these cards, as "stock-cards," "hand-cards." The "carding," therefore, of wool or flax was performed by passing it between the iron points or teeth of two instruments called "cards," to comb, disentangle, and range the hairs or fibres thereof, to prepare it for spinning.

The dressing of flax required a deep pond, called a Rhode-pond, rhode denoting a stack of flax. The Flax was tied up in bundles, which were sunk in water, and afterwards dried. During the winter months the raw material was "dressed" with what was termed a "swingle," to tear it to pieces, and dressed with an iron comb. There was also an instrument called a "Hatchel," "Hackle," or "Hitchel," a tool not unlike a card. It consisted of sharp-pointed iron pins, or teeth, set orderly on a board.

The following extracts from the Churchwardens' and Overseers' books are interesting as showing the price of raw material, the cost of labour, and value of the goods when fabricated.

1554 Rec of John Pell, the weuar, for certain brick, ij$^{s}$ (Churchwardens' accounts.)

1608 George Poste, broad-weaver, stood bound for one kowe. (Church book.)

1629 Payd for Widow Jones to Thomas Cheesman, for a woollen Trenelle, (*i.e.*, Trindle, wheel), 3$^{s}$ (Poor book, I.)

Payd for a payre of cardes for ye Widow Jones, 1$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$

1631 Bought a payer of stock cards, and a pair of cards for John Tappen's wife, 5$^{s}$

1632 Payd to Goodman Homes for a peare of cards for Goody Rabit, 1ˢ. 2ᵈ.

1636 To Suthern for a payer of cards, 1ˢ. 3ᵈ.

1641 Paid for a paire of dubbl set cards for Goody Coppens, 1ˢ. 8ᵈ.

1651 Pᵈ for a p of stock cards for Widd. Cope, 4ˢ.

1666 George Haffenden was one of the churchwardens this year.

Pᵈ Stephen Cheeseman for a pound of wooll, to make a pair of hose for Mary Lambe, and a paire for Margaret Cornes, 8ᵈ.

Pᵈ to Gooddy Rich for spinning the said wooll, 6ᵈ.

1667 *January, comonly so-called.*

Pᵈ John Sedwickes for two thrumbes, which he bought of George Dawkins, to make Susan German two aprons, 1ˢ.

To Jqhn Dawson for weaving the said aprons, 8ᵈ.

1682 Pᵈ Tho. Knight for a new paire of hand cards, for the Widd. King, 2ˢ.

1725 Pᵈ Goodman Paine for mending Goody Buckman's wheel, 1ˢ. 10ᵈ.

1726 Bought for Jno. Marden a comb, 2ᵈ.

1744 May 25. At a vestry, &c., it was agreed that Mary Batt shall have spinning work of the Parish flax instead of other relief. (Vestry orders.)

Jno. Harnden for 6 doz. of flax, 5ˢ. 6ᵈ. £1 13ˢ. 0ᵈ.

Matt. Wood to buy flax seed, 15ˢ.

1745 Jno. Dawson weaving 44 yards of cloth, 11ˢ., and for spinning, 5ˢ. 9ᵈ.

1746 Edwd. Edwards for the looms and other materials belonging to weaving, ffor Jno. Dixon, £2 10ˢ. 0ᵈ.

Jno. Dawson for weaving 32 yards and 3 qrs. of shirting at 3½ᵈ. p. yard, 9s. 4d.

Jno. Dawson for weaving 13¾ yds. of tow at 3ᵈ. a yd., 3ˢ. 4½ᵈ.

1748 Pᵈ Jno. Pain ffor mending Mrs. Plummers spinning wheel, 2ˢ.

1749 Spinning 11 pounds of wooll at 6ᵈ. p. lb., 5ˢ. 6ᵈ.

Spinning 17 lb. of flax at 5ᵈ. per lb., 7ˢ. 1ᵈ.

Pᵈ W. Jell for 2 dozen of flax, 12ˢ.

1750 Pᵈ Master Dawson for weaving 27 yards of shurting at 3½ᵈ. p. yard, 7ˢ. 7ᵈ.

Mrs. Usmer for combing wool, 3ᵈ.

For Hicheling 10 dozen of flax, 5ˢ.

Pᵈ Mr. Humphrey a new wheel for the widow Shoesmith, 4ˢ. 6ᵈ.

Mr. Jones for spinning and weaving, £2 13ˢ. 7ᵈ.

1754 Two pound of wooll and combing for the Wid. Haffenden, 1ˢ. 6ᵈ.

1755 Mr. Jones for weaving cloth for the poor, £2 8ˢ. 2½ᵈ.

More for spinning the same, £2 8ˢ. 9ᵈ.

1756 Widow Vane for carding wool, 4½ᵈ.

1757 Poor rate was 16ᵈ. in pound.

Mr. Jones bill for Hitcheling and spinning flax and tow, £2 17ˢ. 8½ᵈ.

1759 P^d for milling of lincy woolsy, 3^s. 10^d.
Paid Dame Dennett for spinning of 5 pound of hose yarn, 3^s. 9^d.
More for combing a pound of wooll to lay the Widow Batt in, 3^d.
1760 P^d William Harnden for weafing lincy wollsy, 9^s. 2^d.
,, For 18 pound of wooll at 7^d. per pound, 10^s. 6^d.
1761 For spining and whetting, 14^s. 6^d.
1762 William Harnden for weaving flax, tow, and woollsey, £1 9^s. 1^d.
1764 For 53 yards of shurting weaving, 15^s. 5½^d.
1765 Nov. ye 29^th pd. for a disstaff for ye Widow Rjall, 6^d.
1766 Ap. for 24 pounds of wool, 12^s.
For spinging and whetting, 12^s.
1767 Oct., pd. for wool and combing for cook's wife, 1^s. 2½^d.
1768 P^d for a pound and half wool and combing, 1^s. 3^d.
P^d for a comb for Ed. White, 4^d.
1770 June, for making cloathe for Wm. White and Drusila Hinds, 1^s. 2^d.
1771 P^d Mr. Baulcombe for milling y^e woollsey, 40 yds. at 2^d. p. ya., 6^s. 8^d.
1772 ,, ,, and dying 24 yards of woollsey, 7^s. 4^d.
1773 Mending Mary How's spining wheel, 9^d.
,, Mr. Barham for 5 doz. of flax, £1 15^s. 0^d.
1776 Oct. 25, p^d Mr. Jones taking in of flax and delivering out of clothe one year, 10^s. 0^d
P^d Mr. Fuller making 3 shirts 1^s., knitting of stockings for him, 1^s. 2^d.
More footteing a pair of stockings, 1^s. 0^d.
1779 Oct., paid for kitchling of 2 doz. of flax, 1^s. 4^d., for weaving of 37 yards of cloth at 4d., 12s. 4d.
P^d Mr. Ottaway for 5 doz. flax at 6^s. 6^d., £1 12^s. 6^d.
1781 Mending Hovers woolling wheel, 9^d.
1784 December, p^d. for a spining wheel for Ann Hover, 3^s. 6^d.
1795 April p^d for a woollen wheel, 6^s. 6^d.
1787 For spinning 222 pounds of flax at 6^d., £5 11^s. 0^d.
1790 P^d John Hooker for hitchling the half pack, 6^s. 8^d.
1791 Mar., p^d John Hooker for half a pack of flax, £3 5s.
P^d Robt. Hooker for hitchling the half pack, 6^s. 8^d.
1816 P^d Wm. Seeley for doz. of flax, 10^s. (Overseers' books.)

The old map of Smarden made in 1783 by Richard Large, the schoolmaster, clearly indicates that Henry Harnden, "weaver," lived at the cloth hall in the village. A linen table cloth, of Smarden manufacture, came into the possession of the author.

Among the various items mentioned in the above extracts is one of

15s. to buy flax seed, and several of the oldest inhabitants remember the cultivation of flax in the parish.

There is sufficient evidence to prove that Smarden held its own with regard to the manufacture of woollen and linen goods, and these industries continued to flourish here till the beginning of the present century, when hand-looms could no longer compete with steam-power.

## SMARDEN TOKEN.

O. Thomas - Hinckly - in - ✦ a gate.

R. Smerden - in - Kent - 1669 ✦ His Halfpeny. T.S.H.

As bearing upon the commerce of Smarden in the days of old, mention may be made of a Token, sometime in circulation. At a period when small change was scarce, and copper coinage was not general, such tokens were common. That issued by Thomas Hinckly, in Smarden, in Kent, dated 1669, was of the value of half a penny. The original, in the possession of the author, is of copper, rather larger than a sixpence, and in excellent preservation. Though described by William Boyne (Tokens of xvii. Cent., pub. 1858., p. 147) no woodcut was known to exist: the above therefore has been specially executed for this volume.

The device of a gate may be explained by this entry in the Parish Register:—

1664. April 19, Thomas Hinkley and Sarah Gates were married.

The lady's maiden name may have suggested the device, and her initial "S" appears to confirm this theory, or possibly the name Gates is another form of Yates, a family which bore three gates upon their escutcheon.

## OLD HOUSES.

Among the old houses in Smarden may be included that of Romden. As to the origin of the name, there may perhaps be more truth in a popular tradition that Romden was so named because a Roman had built it, than some will at first allow.

Many antiquarians have questioned whether the Romans occupied the Weald. A few years ago, however, the Rev. Beale Poste exhibited to the British Archæological Association various antiquities found in Kent, and their journal published in 1856 mentions that the same gentleman was also in possession of a coin of Faustina, found at Romden, in Smarden; also an urn which had contained ashes and osseous fragments. (xii., p. 235.)

ROMDEN IN SMARDEN, A.D., 1866.

That Romden was an old estate, appears by a curious case contained in the Plea Rolls of the time of Henry III., A.D., 1240, where one Nicholas de Rumdene received a woman named Isabella into his house, because malefactors came by night, bound her, and carried off her clothes. As she was a tenant of the Prior of Holy Trinity, Canterbury, certain persons claimed her, broke into the house

of the said Nicholas and carried her away by force. The rival establishments of Christchurch, and St. Augustine, both claimed jurisdiction in Smarden. (Furley's History of Kent. II., pp. 55, 18.)

It is also worthy of note that among the insurgents who joined John Cade in his rebellion in A.D., 1450, the name of *Ricus Romynden*, a bocher (butcher), is found on that list.

An early mention of the name is found in the will of William Matteras, dated 1464, wherein he bequeaths a message of land *super dennam* de Romden.

The house, though apparently never finished, was at various times tenanted. Under date 1st May, 1758, is this note: A seat called Romden, belonging to Charles Otway, Esq., but not inhabited for many years, though it is now repairing in order for his reception. (Lambeth Library, M.S. 1134. Vol. IV.)

The engraving represents the Mansion previous to its partial demolition. When described in 1866, though in a ruinous state, it was standing in its original form, but during the autumn of that year, the old house was dismantled, and converted into the present Farm-house. The portion destroyed comprised the large entrance hall, originally paved with marble, stair-case, two large rooms on either side, each with a circular bay, and the fine ball-room over the same, running the whole length of the building. The Tower, however, has been suffered to remain, as well as other portions of the original structure to mark the site of this unhappy mansion.

Many of the old farmhouses are worthy of the attention of architects. Several in the village and other parts of the parish have been already noted. The picturesque gables with exposed timbers might with advantage be restored.

As illustrating the manner in which some of our forefathers constructed their houses, Marley Farm should be specially noted.

There may still be seen a chimney in the centre of the house constructed merely of a wooden framework, filled in with coarse plaster of clay and straw. This chimney measures ten feet four inches

at the base, and is at the summit of ordinary dimensions, there being a few courses of brick-work, which rest on the cross beams. Here, then, is a chimney of lath and plaster, and in this fireplace, until recently, wood only was burned; a stone of large dimensions formed the back. The risk from fire was great, as the present inmates of the house have upon two occasions experienced.

At length the old chimney corner has disappeared, being enclosed for a modern stove, but when timber was abundant in the Weald, logs of wood, resting upon Andirons, blazed without stint in the large open fireplaces, at one time general, not only in the farm houses, but also in every cottage.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

### IN THE CHANCEL.

*Beneath the East Window.*

✝ In Memory of Charlotte Elisabeth, wife of Reb. F. F. Haslewood, Rector of Smarden: died in London, June 12th, 1867, aged 63 years, and buried at Kensal Green. By her husband and children. ✝

*White marble tablet on South wall.*

In Memory of Mr. Iacob Turner late of
London Merchant second son of Capᵗⁿ.
Iacob Turner of this Parish: born in Iuly
1643: marryed in Nouember: 1676: to Mary
Knightley second Daughter of Lucy—
Knightley of London: Merchant, of the
Family of Fausley, in Northamptonshire,
by whom he had Issue: 3 sons: & 5 Daughters,
of which only two survived him viz. Thomas,
Turner and Anne Marryed to Stephen Ram
of London, Goldsmith: he departed this life
the 5th day of Iuly, 1709 Aged 66 years

Note that this Mr. Iacob Turner
gave in his life time 100 pounds for the
Repairs of this Church: and also laid out
100 pounds more in A purchase of Land;
the rent whereof is Yearly to be distributed
to the poorest of this Parish as Appears
by the Deed of Trust made in 1686

Of parts and parentage I cannot boast,
and need not tell of what I got or lost.
I've liv'd, and whether well or ill, I am gone,
before the Reader to receive my Doome.
If well, praise God. If ill, the worst is mine,
Mend then the failures of my life in thine.

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[The Tablet was raised a few feet to admit the new stone doorway.

Arms over:—Per fess, sa. and erm. a pale, counterchanged, and three fers-de-moline, two and one, or.

Crest:—A lion, sejant, erm, holding in the dexter paw a fer-de-moline or.

For pedigree see Berry, p. 274, and Archæologia Cantiana, vi. 292.

For that of Knightley, Hist. of Co. Northampton, by Geo. Baker, i., 383.]

*On the floor of Chancel.*

He . . . .
Ca . . . .
M . . . .
& W. . . .
Parish . . .
3 Sons . . .
she . . . .
of . . . .

ent
Who died May ye 30
in the year 17
of his age.

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[This was to Anne, daughter of John Marshall, of Halden, wife of George Carter, gent., and for the latter, who died in 1728. (Hasted vii., 483.)

The Register has:—

" 1723. Aug. 1. Marian Carter, wife of Mr. George Carter.
1728. June 2. Mr. George Carter."

He was Churchwarden in 1718.

*Black slate on the Floor.*

To the Memory
of the Rev^d. Mr.
SOLOMON PAWLEY,
Late Vicar of Aylsham
in Norfolk who
departed this Life the
4^th April 1777 Aged
Seventy Five Years.
N.B. He was Curate
of this Parish 18 Years.

[The Parish Registers at Aylsham throw no light upon Pawley's history, and there is no record of him in that Church.]

There are two large slabs without inscription, though one bears the matrix of a small brass plate.

*On the front panel of the Organ.*

O praise the Lord.

In memory of
Mr. William Hinds, of this parish
died 25^th March, 1869. Aged 79 y^rs.
✝ By his family and friends. ✝

Sing praise unto our God.

[Mr. Hinds was one of the largest contributors to the Restoration of the Church, but died before the work was accomplished.]

## IN THE NAVE.

*White marble tablet in the East corner of the North wall of Nave.*

Sacred
to the memory of
HANNAH WOOLLEY
whose remains are interred in a vault
in this churchyard
She departed this life the xx^th^ day of Dec^r.
MDCCLXXXVIII, aged XXXII years.
also of JOHN and FRANCES WOOLLEY
father and mother of the above.
FRANCES WOOLLEY died the xi^th^ of May,
MDCCCIII aged LXXXV years.
JOHN WOOLLEY died the xx^th^ of February
MDCCCXVIII aged LXXXVII years.
They left issue one son JOHN CHARLES.
Likewise of John Charles Woolley
whose valued life was closed
the III^rd^ of October, MDCCCXVIII,
aged LVII years.

This monument was erected by
his affectionate widow.

*White marble tablet between the windows near the grotesque head, formerly on the East wall of old chancel arch.*

Underneath this Pew lie the Remains of
CHARLES JAMES OTWAY, Esq., late of Romden in this Parish,
& those of his dearly beloved, & most affectionate Wife,
*Lady* BRIDGET OTWAY Daughter of *Bazil*, Earl of *Denbigh*,
they had Issue three Sons & two Daughters, (viz.) Charles,
James, Richard, Elizabeth & Bridget. the two eldest are
interred here, as are Also the Remains of
COLONEL JAMES OTWAY, & ELIZABETH his wife, Father and
Mother of the above Charles James. Colonel Otway

was Governor of S$^{t}$ Philip's Castle in the Island of Minorca where He Died.

Likewise the Remains of Bridget Otway of Ashford, the youngest and last survivor of the above Worthy Family were here deposited the 15$^{th}$ day of Oct$^{r}$ 1804.

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[Beneath are the Arms coloured Quarterly: 1st and 4th Argent, a chevron sable, over it a pile az. counterchanged; 2nd and 3rd sable, a dolphin embowed argent, impaling over the Austrian eagle displayed, sa., a shield argent, on a fess azure, three lozenges, or.

CREST:—an ox on a helmet.

MOTTO:—In Cœlo quies.

For Pedigree showing this match see Earl of Denbigh in Burke's Peerage.

A sword which formerly hung over the Romden pew is now at Chillington House, Maidstone.]

## IN THE CHURCHYARD.

SOUTH-EAST CORNER.

In memory
of
GEORGE ACRES
of this parish
who departed this life
May 21$^{st.}$ 1858,
Aged 74 years.
Leaving a widow 4 sons & 2 daughters,
(viz.) Thomas-Wood, Austin-Neame,
George, John-Rigden-Neame,
Harriett, and Susannah.
also of
SUSANNAH
wife of the above
died July 29$^{th.}$ 1875
aged 87 years.
Her end was peace.

In memory of
THOMAS WOOD
of this Parish, yeoman
who departed this life
June 10th, 1843, aged 87 years.
also
of SUSANNAH
wife of the above named
who died April 21st, 1848,
aged 82 years.
Left issue surviving two
sons and three daughters.

In memory of
ELIZth, Wife of URIAH
BARHAM of this Parish
who died March 23, 1775
Aged 44 Years.
Also URIAH their Son died
an Infant.

*Flat stone in path.*

Beneath This Stone
are Deposited The Rem-
ains of JOHN JUDGE
Late of Camberwell Surry
who died...Sept 1832
Aged 61 Years.
[The Register states he was buried Sept. 12th.]

*On the East wall of the chancel.*

JOHN WILMOT,
died Feb$^{y}$ 7$^{th.}$ 1854
Aged 84 Years.
MARGARET, his Wife,
died Oct$^{r}$ 3$^{rd}$ 1813,
Aged 44 Years.
JOHN (their Son) died
April 15$^{th}$ 1817, Aged
25 Years. Left Surviving
WILL$^{M.}$ MARY, THO$^{s.}$ ROBERT,
JANE, and MARGARET.

SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCHYARD.

Here lyeth
the Body of THO$^{s.}$ JEFFERY
of this Parish Yeo: he departed
this life March y$^{e}$ 3$^{d.}$ 1745
in y$^{e}$ 65 Year of his Age.
Here Lieth interr'd y$^{e}$ Body
of ELIZABETH JEFFERY
Wife of THOMAS JEFFERY
of this Parish who Departed
this Life May y$^{e}$ 4$^{th}$ in 1743,
in the 67th Year of her Age.

In
memory of
RICHARD son of WILLIAM
and EMMELINE OFFEN,
of this Parish,
who died Decem$^{r.}$ 11$^{th.}$ 1840,
aged 14 months.

also MARY OFFEN,
who died Decem$^{r}$ 2$^{nd.}$ 1840,
aged 4 weeks.
also Charles who died
in his infancy.
Angels the Infants Requiem sing.
With vernal blossoms deck the Tomb,
Fair emblems of that joyfull Spring,
When these sweet Flowers again shall bloom.

In Memory of
SARAH Wife of JOHN HOOKER
From Littel Biddenden in
this Parish, who died the 24$^{th}$ of Dec$^{r.}$
1790, Aged 53 Years.
Left Issue two Daughters, MARY and
SARAH.
Be patient under Affliction.
Also the above JOHN HOOKER died
Nov$^{r}$ the 11$^{th.}$ 1808, Aged 74 Years.
And what I say unto you I say unto all watch.

*Double headed stone.*

Here lies
the Body of
THOMAS GEORGE
late of this Parish
who died
July y$^{e}$ 25$^{th.}$
1715
Aged 41 Years.

Here also lies
the Body of
ELIZA: Wife of
the said THO:
GEORGE
who died Dece$^{m}$
21st, 1735
aged 51 Years.

left Issue 2 Sons & 2 Daugh$^{s}$.
namely ELIZA$^{h.}$ THO: JONAH
and SARAH.

*Inserted in the wall beneath the vestry windows.*

T. MUNN
1787. Aged 86
Clark 57 Yr^s.

ELIZ MUNN
1745.

*A white coped marble monument within iron railings, close to the Vestry.*

In Fond Remembrance of
SARAH, the beloved wife of
JAMES BRUNGER
of this parish,
died February 29th 1884, aged 65.

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS WICKENS
of this Parish, who died Oct^r. the 23^rd.
1852, aged 72 years.
Also Mary-Ann wife of the above
who died Sep^tr. 19^th. 1870, aged 79 years.
Also Mary daughter of the above
who died June the 11^th. 1835.
aged 6 years.
Also Thomas their son who died
June the 16th 1843, aged 24 years.
Also John their son who died
February the 29^th. 1844,
aged 28 years.
Also Charles their son who
died Jan^ry 28^th. 1879, aged 66 years.

[Charles Wickens was Gardener to Rev. F. F. Haslewood for about nineteen years.]

*Coped stone within iron railings.*

In loving memory of ARTHUR,
son of WILLIAM and ESTHER BEAN,
of Lodge place Gt Chart,
who died Octer 7th 1876, aged 5 weeks.

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Also JANETTA, daughter of W. and E. BEAN,
who died June 27th 1879,
aged 7 months.
"Thy will be done."

*Flat stone within iron railings*

✝ In loving memory of SUSANNAH,
daughter of WILLIAM and ESTHER BEAN, of this parish;
who died June 14th 1871:
aged 1 year and 2 months.

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Also WILLIAM THOMAS,
son of the before named
who died June 22nd 1871;
aged 3 months.
Suffer little children to come unto me. ✝

*Double headed stone.*

In Memory of
JOHN STRUTFILD of this
Parish; Bricklayer, who died
November ye 2th 1762 aged 69
years.
Here lieth ye Body of MARY
ye Wife of JOHN STRUTFILD
who died August ye 1st in
1737, Aged 33 Years.
Also, one Son & one Daughter
SAMt & ELIZ. Interr'd Here
Left Issue one Daughter MARY.

In memory of
EDW$^{D}$ FRY, from Mayfield
in the County of Sussex;
and late of this Parish,
Blacksmith: who died May
the 9. 1782. Aged 87 Years.
This life is a scene of vanity that
affords no Solid Satisfaction, but
in the Consciousness of doing well
and in hopes of Another life.
This stone is Erected by his Executors
WILL$^{M}$ FRY, and EDW$^{D}$ APPS.

In memory of
WILLIAM FRY, of this Parish
he departed this life the 26$^{th}$ of January
1818, Aged 90 Years.
A beloved Friend here doth lie,
Who's gone to Eternity,
Oh may the Lord our Soul prepare,
To meet with him in Comfort there.

In Memory
of AMY Wife of ROBERT FRY,
of this Parish, Blacksmith:
who died July the 21$^{st.}$ 1801,
Aged 23 Years.
Left Issue Two Daughters (viz.)
MARY, and SARAH.
Also of ROBERT FRY,
who died Jan$^{y}$ the 3$^{rd}$ 1831 Aged
68 Years. Left Issue 2 Sons
WILLIAM, and JOHN,
by his second Wife.

*On a card.*

In Memory
of
EMILY GRACE AUSTEN,
who died August 7th. 1872,
aged 11 months.

The Shepherd will not let them go,
His fold is on the golden shore;
And they are safe, and glad, and warm,
Far from the night-wind and the storm.
"He shall gather the Lambs."

*A coped stone.*

WILLIAM FRY
of Great Chart,
died June 23rd. 1883, aged 76 years.

Thy will be done.

In
memory of
JOHN NICKELS
of this parish,
who died Jany 16th. 1863,
aged 66 years.
Also JAMES, his Brother
who died Octr 3rd 1850,
Aged 52 years.
also the children of JAMES, (viz)
ELIZABETH, died Decr 21st 1844,
Aged 22 years.
GEORGE, died Febry 24th 1845,
aged 3 years and 5 months.
JAMES died July 31st. 1855,
aged 28 years.

*A very thick stone.*

Sacred to the Memory
of JAMES OTTAWAY, who died
Dec$^{r}$ the 1$^{st}$ 1827, aged 72 Years.
Also
of SUSANAH Wife of
JAMES OTTAWAY, who died
Dec$^{r}$ the 21$^{st}$ 1815, Aged 60 Years.
Left Issue 4 Sons, and 3 Daughters.

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN
the beloved wife of
RICHARD WELCH,
who fell asleep in Jesus
March 3$^{rd.}$ 1862, aged 52 years.
"Blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord." Rev. 14 c. 13 v.

*A coped granite monument within iron railings, close to the South Porch.*

In loving memory of
MARIA AUSTEN
who died 21$^{st}$ October 1883,
aged 65.

*Altar tomb next path to South Porch.*

Here lyeth the Body of FRANCES
the Wife of THOMAS HAFFENDEN
who was Bvryed the 14 day of
March 1683 Aged . . yeares.*
Left Issve one Davghter.

(* Age not given in the Register.)

Here lyeth Interred the Body of THOMAS
HAFFENDEN Gent who departed this
Life the 24 day of Febrvary 1701 and
in the 74 yeare of his age and left
Issve two davghters Marrian and Elizabeth.

*Double headed stone near South Porch.*

GEORGE CARY
late of this Parish Yeoman died
August y$^{e}$ 10 1725. Aged 62 Years.
Margaret his Wife died
Iuly y$^{e}$ 28$^{th}$ 1725 aged 48 Years
Likewise 3 of their Children
ELIZ died Iuly y$^{e}$ 19$^{th}$ 1724
Aged 24 Years.
SUSANNA died September 4, 1708
Aged 3 Years.
JOHN died Decem$^{r}$ 2 1710
Aged 3 Years.
Left issue 2 Daughters FRANCES & ANN.

*Much worn.*

Lyeth
Bvried the
Bodye of JOHN
HAFFENDEN the
Hvsband of Mary Haff
-enden who deceased
this life the 10$^{th}$ daye of
Avgvst 1667. Hee was
aged 34 yeares. Hee
had issve two child
ren a sonne and a dav
ghter both deceased
and are Lying.....

*(Double headed stone with scull and crossbones)*

In Memory of
JOHN OTTAWAY,
of this Parish
Yeoman . . .
Nov. 4th 1762
Aged 75 Years.

In Memory
of MARY second
Wife of John
Ottaway who
Departed this
Life December ye
. . . . 1787

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*On the other side*

MARY OTTAWAY
died January 25th 1763
aged 20 years.

*(Double headed stone unusually thick carved with a cherub and hourglass.)*

In Memory
of JAMES OTTAWAY,
of this Parish Senr
who died March 13th
1797, Aged 72 Years.

In Memory
of ANN, Wife of
JAMES OTTAWAY,
Senr of this Parish
who died Febry 13th
1795, Aged 69 Years.

*(On side of high Altar tomb.)*

In Memory of SUSANNA
Wife of JOHN OTTAWAY and Daughr
of Henry & Mary Bridges
who died December 26th 1715 Aged
28 Years.
Left Issue one Son JOHN.

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In Memory of JOHN
Son of John, and Susanna
OTTAWAY, of this Parish Yeoman
who died May 5th. 1763 Aged 48
Years.

(*On East End.*)

This
Tomb was
Erected by his
Executor
JAMES
OTTAWAY.

(*Altar Tomb*)

Here lieth the body of IACOB
TVRNER decised the 25 of
Avgvst 1672 : aged 58 yeares,
had issve 9, left 4 liveing
2 svnes and 2 daeters.

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(*On opposite side*)

Here lyeth also interred the body of RICHARD
TVRNER eldest son of Iacob Tvrner of this Parish
who deceased the 28th day of Aprill 1686 Leaving
issve five sons & one davghter aged forty
fovre yeares & nine months.

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(*On East End*)

Here lyeth also interred
the Body of HENERY TVRNER
who deceased the 28 day
of Aprill 1686 aged on year
and to months yongest
son of RICHARD TVRNER.

*Small stone very thick.*

Here lyeth
also inter
red the Bodʸ
of Iohn Tvrner
who deceased
the 13th day of
November 1686
aged abovt 4
yeares, son of
Richard Tvrner.

*Tall upright stone.*

Erected to the memory of
Mr. Henry Ottaway,
late of this Parish, Timber Merchant,
Who Died
Septr. 27th 1795
aged 60 Years.
Also of
Frances, Wife of the above named
Henry Ottaway:
Who Died
May 24th. 1762,
aged 24 years,
by whom he had Issue one Son named Henry.
Also of
Elizabeth, second Wife of the said
Henry Ottaway,
Who Died
Augst. 6th. 1784
aged 22 Years
by whome he had also Issue 4 sons & 1 Daughter

namely
John, Samuel, Elizth James, and Charles,
also Margaret his third Wife
Who Died Novr 17th 1780
Aged 66 Years.

*Within iron railings.*

In
Loving memory
of
FRANCIS—GILBERT—
—STAWELL MARSHALL,
died May 17th 1877,
aged 2 years.
"He shall gather the lambs
with his arms."

Here lyeth
Interrd ye Body of
HENRY BRIDGES
Son of Henry & Margaret
Bridges who departed
this Life ye 15th day of
Feb. 1715
Aged 25 Years.

Here lyeth
Interrd ye Body of
JANE HOLMES ye
widd. of WILL HOLMES
who departed this
Life ye 26 day of Janr
1715
Aged 29 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES LARGE,
of this Parish,
who died June 17th 1837,
aged 70 years.
He was the kindest of Husbands,
and a true and faithful Neighbour.
Also MARY his wife,
who died March 11th 1845,
aged 73 years.

*Double headed stone with scull and hourglass.*

Here lyeth
Interrd y^e^ Body
of JOHN, son of
Henry & Margaret
BRIDGES, who
departed this Life
Decembr. y^e^ 2d. 1715
Aged 34 Years.
and had issue by
SARAH his Wife
5 Sons
Here also Lyeth
HENRY Son of
JOHN & SARAH
BRIDGES who died
Febr y^e^ 26, 1715
Aged 5 Years.

Also here
lies the Body
of SARAH Wife
of FRANCIS
JORDAN of this
Parish Former
Wife of John
Bridges she dyd
Sept: 30th 1726
Aged 43 Years.
Left Issue by
Francis Jordan
one Son and one
Daughter
George and Sarah.

Erected
to
the memory of
JONATHAN LARGE,
of this Parish, who departed
this life April 6th 1837
aged 75 years.
also of SARAH LARGE, wife of
the above, who departed this
life August 7th 1856
aged 76 years.
Left Issue 3 sons and 1, daughter (viz)
John, Joseph, Sarah, & James.

In Memory of
SARAH Wife of JOHN LARGE,
of this Parish;
who departed this Life Sepr the 9th 1791,
Aged 59 Years.
also the above said JOHN LARGE,
departed this Life Septr the 27th
1804, aged 73 Years.
Likewise two of their Sons, Benjamin, and
Charles, who died in their Infancy.
Left Issue; Surviving Four Sons, (viz)
Jonathan, Joseph, James, and Willm

*Coffin shaped stone.*

In memory of
JOSEPH LARGE who died March 25th 1855
aged 58 years.

CHA$^{s}$: LARGE,
Ob: 1776
Aged
7 Years.

Heere
lyeth
the Body
of Thomas
IONES Sen, who
Lvied to the age
of 54 yeares &
departed this life
the 26 of May Anno
dni 1682. Hee had
issue tenn children
by his wife Elizabeth
and left 4 Sons & 3
davghters alive.

Here
Lyeth Interred
the Body of
IOHN IONES
who departed this
Life y$^{e}$ 5 day of July
1713
Aged 49 Years.

*Coped stone.*

In Memory of
EMILY, daughter of WILLIAM & EMILY OFFEN,
who died 14th day of January 1876,
aged 2 years and 4 months.

Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not:
for of such is the Kingdom of God. Luke XVIII. 16.

(*Pair of Coffin shaped stones.*)

Sacred
to the Memory of
RICHARD OFFEN, yeoman,
of this Parish,
who departed this life
June 28th 1843, aged 74 years.
also MARY,
Wife of the above,
who departed this life
June 21st 1846, aged 79 years.
Left issue 2 Sons, viz., John and William.

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM OFFEN
of this parish,
died January 10th 1882,
aged 82 years.
left surviving a widow 2 sons
and 4 daughters (viz) William,
Grace, John, Emeline, Selina,
and Sarah.

also of
Winifred, daughter of the above
died January 6th 1877,
aged 27 years.
also of
Richard, Mary and Charles,
died in their infancy.

In Memory of
Mr JOHN OFFEN, who departed this Life
March 24th 1804 Aged Sixty three Years

Here rests the mortal part of One, who knew
The Christian's Hope and kept his End in View,
Religion's path devoutly firm he trod,
Fervent his Praises and his Prayers to God.
His Life was form'd on no Fanatic Plan
Love to his God breath'd Charity to Man:
He Strove by Works a Christian's Faith to Suit,
Aware, who curs'd the Fig-Tree wanting Fruit.

Also In Memory of
MARGARET his Wife. died Jany 25. 1810
Aged 69 Years.
of their two Sons and a Daughter
deceased,
Gorge Aged three Years; Thos nine Months:
and Elizabeth; twenty eight Years.
Their Issue living are
Henry, John, William, Richard, Essex, Benjamin,
Winifred, Wilkins, Margaret, Mary, Grace,
Susan and Phillis.

Sacred
to the Memory
of
JOSEPH JUDGE
who Died Oct$^{br}$. 20$^{th}$. 1802,
Aged 67 Years.
Also SUSANNAH his Wife
died May the 28$^{th}$. 1822,
Aged 91 Years.
Left Issue three Sons,
and two Daughters (viz)
Joseph, William, Jasper,
Mary and Susan.
MARY TUTTY Daughter
of the above, who Died Oct$^{r}$. 13$^{th}$.
1862 Aged 96 Years.

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[The Register contains this entry:—1785. John Tutty, Bachelor and Mary Judge of Boxley married 10 November.]

Sacred to the Memory of
SARAH
Daughter of John and Sarah
STEVENS of this Parish,
who died May the 12$^{th}$. 1823,
Aged 8 Months.

*(Double headed stone.)*

In Memory
of JOHN HICKS,
who died Novr ye
15th 1750, Aged
75 Years.

Here lyes
MARY Wife of
JOHN HICKS,
who died February
ye 1st 1736
aged 55 Years.
She left Issue
one Daughter
namely Mary.

In affectionate remembrance of
JOHN WOOD
late of brick house farm
Headcorn,
who died Decr 3rd 1876,
aged 67 years.
In the midst of life, we are in death.

*(Two Coffin-shaped stones.)*

Sacred
To the Memory of
SARAH daughter of
JOSEPH & ELIZABETH JUDGE,
Who died March 9th 1849,
Aged 53 Years.
Whate'er we do, where'er we be,
We're travelling to the grave.

Sacred
To the Memory of
JOSEPH JUDGE Who Died
July 19th 1849 aged 75 Years.
Also of
ELIZth Wife of JOSEPH JUDGE,
Who Died December 29th 1830,
Aged 61 Years.
also MARTHA Daughter of
Joseph and Elizth Judge,
who Died December 12th 1805,
Aged 4 Years and 8 Months
Left Surviving 5 Sons and 2 Daughters,
viz. JOHN, JOSEPH, CHARLES, JAMES,
WILLIAM, SARAH, and ANN.

Sacred
To the Memory of
JOSEPH JUDGE, who Died
June 19th 1793 Aged 54 Years.
also SARAH wife of JOHN JUDGE,
Who Died May 11th 1778,
Aged 42 Years.
Likewise JOHN son of
JOHN and SARAH JUDGE,
Who Died August 6th 1786,
Aged 18 Years.
also SARAH their daughter
Who Died December 9th 1793,
Aged 8 Years.
and of WILLIAM their Son,
who died in his Infancy,
1778.

In Memory of
WILLIAM EVENDEN, of this Parish
who died June the 16th 1821
Aged 72 Years.
Also HANNAH Wife of the above
died Febr 20th 1827,
Aged 80 Years.

May all who stop to view this Stone,
Remember Death takes Old and young
And all prepare while Life is given,
To meet their Judge to dwell in Heaven.

Left Issue, three Sons & 1 Daughter
(viz) William, Joseph,
Charles & Harriot.
also MARIA their Daughter
who died April the 1st 1794,
Aged 3 Years and 11 Months.

*Close to the Tower (South side).*

In Memory of
ELIZA ALBERTINA, wife of RICHD
FLEET, who died Decr 24th 1815,
Aged 22 Years.
Likewise ELIZABETH, his second Wife
who died Octr 29th 1828
Aged 33 Years.
She left issue 3 sons (viz) Thomas
William, Richard John, and Joseph,
Joseph died April 3rd 1829,
Aged 5 years.
THOMAS WILLIAM, died Augst 7, 1835,
aged 16 years.
also ELIZABETH WINCH, his third,
Wife who died Novr 29th 1847,
aged 42 years.

In Memory of
HENRY CHEESMAN late of this
Parish Yeo$^{n}$
Who died 6$^{th}$ March 1777,
Aged 68 Years.
Also MARY his Wife died
25$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ 1779 Aged 70 Years.
He left issue Henry, John, and
Thomas.

This
Stone is Erected to the Memory of
HENRY CHEESMAN
of this Parish
who departed this Life
January the 2$^{nd}$ 1823,
Aged 78 Years.
Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old He will not depart from it.
And of
MARY his Wife, who departed
this Life October the 9$^{th}$ 1826,
Aged 77 Years.

In Affectionate Remembrance
of
ROBERT WILMOT
who died at Thurnham April 21$^{st}$
1875, aged 75 years.
also of
HARRIOTT, his wife
who died June 15$^{th}$ 1870,
aged 56 years.
"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

In
Loving Memory of
JOHN COOPER
of this parish,
who died April 11th 1879,
aged 62 years.
leaving a widow and four sons,
George, Joseph, Eli, and Albert.
also of the deceased children
of the above,
Esther, died Decr 27th 1856,
aged 2 years and 2 months.
Eleanor, died Janry 29th 1857,
aged 4 years and 3 months.
Emma, died Novr 14th 1870,
aged 24 years.
*"Thy will be done."*

*Near the Tower.*

In Memory of
ABRAHAM OTTAWAY,
who died Octr 5th 1784,
Aged 42 Years.
Also of MARY, his Wife,
who died June 2nd 1810,
Aged 76.
Leaving issue 1 Son, & 1 Daughter,
viz, John & Mary.
And also of
JOHN OTTAWAY,
Son of the above,
who died Novr 5th 1813,
Aged 41.
Also of SARAH, his Wife,
who died May 14th 1850,
Aged 76.

*Double Headed stone.*

Here lyeth
the Body of THO. GILHAM
of this Parish, Yeaman
who Departed this Life Augu$^{st}$
y$^{e}$ 17$^{th}$ 1724. Aged 73 years.
Here lyeth the Body of
MARY y$^{e}$ Wife of THO. GILHAM
who departed this life
July the 24$^{th}$ 1725
Aged 63 years.
Left Issue John Gilham
and Elizabeth Gilham.

To the Memory
of
WILLIAM WOOD,
late of this Parish, Yeoman,
who died the 9$^{th}$ of November 1814,
Aged 64 Years.
Leaving Issue by Mary his Wife,
two Sons and five Daughters. (viz)
William, Charles, Sarah, Elizabeth,
Hannah, Winney and Harriot.

Farewell my dear and faithful Wife,
My Sons and Daughters too,
Tho' never in this mortal Life
Again you must me view:
Close in Our Saviour's Foot-steps tread,
Of Love divine possess'd,
And when you're number'd with the dead,
Your Souls will be at rest.

also MARY his Wife who died
the 25$^{th}$ of March 1839, Aged 82 Years.

Sacred
To the Memory of
ELIZABETH WOOD,
Wife of Charles Wood,
of this Parish, Yeoman:
who departed this Life Decr. the 9th.
1817. Aged 19 Years.

In prime of Life as you may see,
I left my Friends to mourn for me,
Grieve not dear Friends at my decease,
For Christ I hope has made my peace;
And none can tell beneath the Sun,
How soon their Glass will cease to run;
But all know this, that Death's keen Dart
Will soon the dearest Couple part;
Therefore prepare thro' Grace divine,
Meekly each other to resign.

Also the above CHARLES WOOD
who died the 12th April 1834,
Aged 38 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
JANE, wife of GEORGE MUNN,
& Daughter of William Fitch,
of this Parish, who died Novr. 6th.
1853, aged 32 years.
also JANE, their daughter, died
May 10th. 1853, aged 3 months.
Left issue 4 children,
George, Grace, Mary, and Thomas.

*Double headed stone.*

Here lyeth Interr'd the Body
of CHRISTOPHER HAWKES
Who departed this Life
the 20th Day of September
1727
Here Lieth the Body of
MARY Wife of CHRIS:
FVLLAGAR
she died Sept: the 17th
1737.

[In Register 1700, June 4. Christopher Fullagur, Householder.]

Sacred
to the Memory of
HARRIOT HOMEWOOD
Wife of JAMES HOMEWOOD Yeoman
of this Parish
who died Sept: 29th 1831
Aged 39 Years.
Leaving surviving 7 Children, viz,
4 Sons and 3 Daughters,
Also of EMMA who died an Infant.

My children dear: I bid you all adieu!
By God's command, I leave this World and you,
And trust my friends whom I have left behind,
Will give you comfort, and to you be kind.

IHS.
Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES HOMEWOOD
of this Parish
who died April 22nd 1859
Aged 65 years.
Left surviving seven children,
four Sons and three Daughters.
James, William, Edward, Charles,
Harriett, Elizabeth and Emmeline.

Adieu vain world I've seen enough of thee
And now I'm careless what thou say'st of me
What faults you knew in me take care to shun
And look at home, enough there's to be done.

Sacred
to the memory of
JANE, wife of
WILLIAM LILLY,
who died April 22d 1841,
aged 35 years.
Leaving 8 children 3 sons and 5 daughters,
who are all married, and living in the
state of Wisconsin, N. America.
A.D. 1862.

My children are fled to a foreign land,
Where there are wars and desolation;
May God protect them with his hand,
In that distressed nation.*

Also of the above
WILLIAM LILLY
Who died November 21st 1876,
Aged 74 years,
Leaving a widow and 2 sons.

[* Referring to the War in the United States.]

Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY ANN,
the beloved wife of
HENRY SKINNER,
Victualler,
of Yalding in this County,
and second daughter of
Mr. WILLIAM FITCH;
Farmer, of this Parish:
who departed this life
January 6th
1853,
aged 21 years.

SOUTH WEST OF CHURCHYARD.

*Near the Tower.*

In Memory of
DANIEL MEDHURST of this
Parish: who departed this Life the
21st of September, 1758. Aged 72 Years.
And Two Daughters both Named
ANNA who died Young.
also ELIZABETH his Wife, departed
this Life Septembr the 20th 1765 Aged
75 Years.
Left Issue one Son and Two Daughters
Daniel, Elizabeth, and Martha.

In Memory
of THO$^{s}$. FARLEY, of this
Parish: who died Jan$^{y}$. 5$^{th}$.
1792. Aged 74 years.
Also MARY his Wife who died
March 2$^{nd}$. 1794. Aged 78 Years.
Left Issue 1 Son and 2 Daughters
(viz.) Tho$^{s}$. Mary, and Sarah.

*Memento mori.*

Here
lieth the Body of
MARY LUCAS
Wife of JOHN LUCAS
of this Parish, who
died Dec$^{m}$. 15$^{th}$. 1724
in y$^{e}$ 104$^{th}$. Year
of Her Age.
left Issue one Daugh$^{r}$.
Sarah, Wife of
Francis Woollett.

Here lieth interrd the
body of JOHN LUKIN
*(The rest is illegible.)*

Here lieth y$^{e}$ Body of
FRANCIS WOOLLETT,
of this Parish, Yeo. who died
July 24$^{th}$. 1725. Aged 68 Years.
Left issue One Son & 2 Daugh$^{s}$
John, Mary & Frances

Also y^e^ Body of SARAH BASSET,
Former Wife of Francis
WOOLLETT she died Octo^r^ y^e^
29^th^ 1743. Aged 88 Years.

Here
Lyes the
Body of ELIZ
Daugh^r^ of JOHN
and ELIZ: WOOLLETT
of y^e^ P^ish^ she died
Aug 26^th^ 1731
in y^e^ 5^th^ Year of
Her Age.

Weep not for me
My Parents dear
Ere it be long
You'll sleep beside me
here

In Memory
of SARAH the
wife of JOHN PULLEN
of Cranbrook, who
died Decem^r^ y^e^ 16^th^
1757 Aged 28 Years.

Here lyes ye Body
of ELIZABETH, Daughter
of JOHN LUCAS, of this
Parish, who dyed January
y^e^ 23^d^ 1724, Aged 5 Years,
10 months & 7 days.

Here Also lyes y^e^ Body of
ANN Daughter of JOHN
& ANN LUCAS, who dyed May
y^e^ 5^th^ 1725, Aged 2 Years,
& 17 Weeks.

Here lyes
y^e^ Body of
JOHN Son of
JOHN LUCAS
of this Parish
who dyed July
y^e^ 1^st^ 1725 Aged
5 Weeks & 3 days.

Erected
to the Memory of
JOHN PEARSON,
of this Parish, who died Dec^r^ 8^th^
1855, aged 80 years.
Also JANE, his wife,
died June 5^th^ 1845, aged 67 years.
also ANN, their eldest daughter
died Feb^y^ 27^th^ 1837, aged 33 years.
also JOHN, their eldest son,
died Jan^y^ 14^th^ 1848, aged 46 years.
Left surviving 4 children, (viz)
Richard, William, Jane, and Eliza.
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall
stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet
in my flesh shall I see God. Job XIX chap.

In Memory of
MARY, Wife of WILLIAM WARD,
of Bethersden: who died Sept 6th 1800,
Aged 50 Years.
Also the above WILLIAM WARD,
who died Febr 8th 1817,
Aged 68 Years.

Affliction sore long time I bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Till God did please Death should me seize,
And ease me of my pain.

NEAR THE WEST DOOR.

(*Double headed stone.*)

Here lies
y$^{e}$ Body of ANN
Wife of JOHN
AUSTEN & Daug$^{r}$
of AMBROSE &
ELIZ$^{th}$ COVENEY
Late of Brenchly
who died April 11
1731 Aged 37 years.
left issue 4 Sons
John & Daniel
Ambrose & Thos
Thos died June 12
Aged 13 Weeks

Here lies Buried in one Grave Mother
& a Son they are Gone to rest amongst
y$^{e}$ blest, their hardest work is done.

In Memory
of MARTHA Wife of WILLIAM JELL,
of this Parish,
who died January the 21st 1807,
Aged 77 Years.
also of WILLIAM JELL, Yeoman,
who died August the 18th 1822,
Aged 86 Years.

Say you who meditate these realms of Peace,
Where Wisdom Courage and Ambition cease;
May not the Grave some useful lessons give
Instruct the heart, and teach it how to live,
Let Sacred duties guard the tender mind,
Virtue alone, true happiness can find.

Sacred
to the Memory of
RICHARD GOODWIN, of this Parish,
who died July 3rd 1846 Aged 88 Years.
Also of SARAH his Wife, who died
May 7th 1845 Aged 89 Years.
Likewise of BENJAMIN-WOOLLEY GOODWIN
their Son who died October the 3th
1818, Aged 17 Years.
Also of NAOMI their Daughter,
Wife of ROBERT LAW, who died
April the 3th 1819, Aged 28 Years.

O Heavenly Father let thy will be Done,
By thy decree we Lost our Youngest Son;
Yet Nature caused a Parent's tear to Fall,
We must submit when thou thinks fit to Call:
In Heaven we hope he'll Hallelujah Sing
To God and Christ our Great Eternal King.

[The Register has 1818. Benjamin Gooding, buried Oct 10.]

In Memory
of RALPH HATCHER, who depart-
ed this life the 6th of May 1805
Aged 76 Years.
Also DORCAS, his Wife who
departed this Life the 6th of Oct: 1806
aged 90 Years.

(*Double Headed Stone.*)

In Memory of
JOHN SHARLOCK,
of Bethersden, who
departed this Life
May the 31st 1764
Aged 76 years.

Here lieth the Body of
JANE wife of
JOHN SHARLOCK
who died March 14 1768
Aged 74 years

Left Issue one Daughter Dorcas.

(*Old Stone near Houses South Side.*)

Here
Lyeth Bv-
red the Body
of THOMAS
CLAGGETT whº
died Janvary
21th in the year
of ovr Lord 1671
Aged . . Yeares
and in memory of
him his loving
Execvtrix MARGET
TONGE This St
one hath Erectd

[His burial is thus entered in the Parish Register:—

1671 Thomas Clagett sepultus erat in Die Vicessimo quinto Ianuarij die Iovis, Secundum laudabilem ordinem et Antiqum Morem Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ in eâ parte benè provisâ (quanquam neglectâ et contemptâ]

*(On a board between two posts)*

DENNETT of this Parish who died . . .

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[This memorial was to Stephen, the father of James, who died in 1806, and was buried at Cranbrook, where his son John Thomas Dennett still resides. James was twice married, the said John Thomas being the youngest of the second family, a posthumous child.]

In
Affectionate Remembrance
of
JOHN BRUNGER
of this Parish,
who died October 14th 1869,
Aged 83 Years.
Also of CHARLOTTE
Wife of the above
who died February 5th 1858,
Aged 71 years.
Leaving 1 son and 3 daughters,
James, Chaney Ann, Sarah,
and Mary-Ann.

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN MILLEN,
died September 26th 1881
aged 73 years.
who left issue five sons, and
two daughters, viz:

JOHN, ALFRED, HERBERT, GEORGE,
ELI, ELIZABETH, and OLIVE.

"Whom have I in heaven but thee?
and there is none upon earth that
I desire beside thee. LXXIII psalm. 25. 26.
My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God is the strength of my
heart, and my portion for ever."

*(On side of Vault with iron railings.)*

In Memory of
THOMAS FARLEY, Yeoman,
of this Parish; who departed this Life
April 12th 1822, Aged 73 Years.
Left Issue Two Daughters,
(viz) Mary, and Sarah,
Also MARY FARLEY Wife of
the above, who died 12th February 1832
Aged 77 Years.

In Memory
of JOHN NOAKES, (late of Staplehurst)
who died June the 19th 1806,
aged 77 years.
also ELIZABETH his Wife (Daughter
of JOHN, and ELIZABETH JELL,
of this Parish,) who died
July 22nd 1785, Aged 54 Years.
Likewise JOHN their Son, who died
Janr. the 12th 1780, Aged 20 Years.
Left Surviving One Son, and Three
Daughters (viz) Benjamin, Ann,
Elizabeth, and Sarah.

In Memory of
JOHN JELL, of this Parish, Yeoman
who died July y^e^ 8^th^ 1772
aged 69 Years.
Also Elizabeth his Wife who
died June 28^th^ 1792
Aged 86 Years.
Left issue 6 Sons, and 5 Daughters
George, Joseph, Will^m^, James, John
Benjamen, Elizabeth, Sarah, Iden,
Mary, and Ann.

(*Double Headed Stone.*)

Here lieth y^e^
Body of JOHN
JELL of y^e^ Parish
Sen^r^ who died
August y^e^ 26^th^
1727
Aged 73 Years.
Left Issue 3 Sons
and 4 Daughters.
John, Joseph,
George, Eliz^b^
Sarah, Priscilla,
& Mary.

Here also
lieth the Body
of SARAH Wife of
JOHN JELL Sen^r^
who died Sep^t^
y^e^ 24^th^ 1753
aged 79 Years.

Here
lyeth y^e^ Body of
GEORGE JELL
(Son of Tho: & Ann
Jell of this Parish

Yeoman) who died
y^e^ 24^th^ day of Decem:
1715 in y^e^ 44^th^ Year
of His Age.

[The Register has 1715. Decemb. 24 George Jull from Pluckley]

To the Memory
of
MARY, Wife of WILLIAM WOOD
of this Parish;
who died August the 31^st^ 1806,
Aged 23 Years.
Also CHARLES their Son,
who died the 13^th^ of November 1805,
in his Infancy.
N.B. She left surviving one Son
William.
Also of HARRIOT, second Wife
of WILLIAM WOOD, who died July,
the 7^th^ 1815, Aged 26 Years.
Left Issue four Sons (viz) John, Edward,
Henry, and James.
N.B. JAMES died the 26^th^ of July 1815,
in his Infancy.

To the Memory
of
WILLIAM WOOD,
of this Parish, who died July 15^th^
1855, aged 78 years.
also, FRANCES third Wife
of the above, who died Nov^r^ 25^th^
1858, Aged 69 Years.

Left issue by his 3 wives,
5 sons, and 2 daughters, (viz)
William, John, Edward, Henry,
Charles, Elizabeth,
and Frances.

In
a Vault beneath this Stone
are deposited the Remains
of THOMAS WILMOT,
late of Haffenden Quarter,
in this Parish,
who died Dec.r 20th. 1825,
Aged 92 Years.

*(On a stone inserted in the East wall of a large brick Vault built above ground, with iron gratings through which four coffins are plainly visible.)*

In this Vault
Are deposited the remains of HANNAH WOOLLEY
who departed this life the 21st. of December 1788, aged 32 years.
Likewise of JOHN and FRANCES WOOLLEY,
Father and Mother of the above.
FRANCES WOOLLEY died the 11th. of May 1803, aged 85 years.
JOHN WOOLLEY died the 20th. of February 1818, aged 87 years.
They left Issue one Son John Charles.
Also of JOHN CHARLES WOOLLEY
whose mortal life was closed the 3rd. of October 1818,
aged 57 years.

NEAR THE RIVER.

In Memory of
JOHN LINDRIDGE, who died
15th May 1814, aged 82 Years.
Also of ELIZABETH his Wife, who
died 3 Novr. 1789, aged 60 Years.
Likewise
JAMES LINDRIDGE their Son who
died 20th Augst 1813, aged 47 Years.

In Memory of STEPHEN BEECHING,
who departed this Life January the
17th 1766 Aged 66 Years.
In Memory of MARY the
Wife of STEPHEN BEECHING, of
this Parish, who departed this Life
May the 19th 1760 Aged 71 Years.
Left Issue one Son Stephen
and one daughter Mary.

WEST OF THE CHURCH.

Sacred
to the memory of
RICHARD WILLIAMS
who died July 26th 1857,
Aged 87 Years.
Also of ANN wife of the above
died February 11th 1857,
Aged 76 Years.
Looking for that blessed hope and the
glorious appearing of the Great God
and our Savior Jesus Christ.

also EDWARD their Son
died May 2nd 1816,
Aged 2 Years.
and of WILLIAM their Son
died April 7th 1862,
Aged 54 Years.

In Memory of
WILLIAM EVENDEN, who died
Decr the 12th 1837 Aged 60 Years.
also
ELIZABETH Wife of William
Evenden, late of Bethersden,
who died January the 26th 1817,
Aged 37 Years.
also CHARLES-PIERCE, Son of
the aforesaid who died
April the 15th 1811, Aged 10 Weeks.

Pass a few swiftly fleeting years,
And all that now in bodies live,
Shall quit, like me the vale of tears,
Their righteous sentence to receive.
But all before they hence remove,
May Mansions for themselves prepare,
In that Eternal House above,
And, O my God, shall I be there?

In Memory of
SARAH Wife of STEPHEN
CHITTENDEN, of this Parish; who
died Octr 19th 1799, Aged 53 Years.
Also the above STEPHEN CHITTENDEN,
who died May 5th 1807, Aged 78 Years.

She left issue surviving one Son
and one Daughter (viz)
William and Eliza.

Affliction sore long time I bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Till God did please Death should me seize,
And ease me of my pain.

NEAR THE NORTH GATE.

In Memory of
Ann, Daughter of
Rich$^{D}$ and Eliz$^{th}$
Bayly, who died July
17 : 1767,
Aged 26 Years.

In Memory
of Samuel Son of
Richard and Elizabeth
Bayly of this Parish,
who died Decembe$^{r}$ the
17$^{th}$ 1759. Aged 29 Years.
He was unfortunately
Drowned in the River
near Rumden in this Parish.

In Memory of
Rich$^{D}$ Bayly of this
Parish: who died July
27. 1770. Aged 75 Years.
Left Issue: Rich$^{D}$, John, Thomas,
Benjamin, and Eliz.

His toils of life, and pains of death are o'er
Where toil and pain, and sickness are no more.

Also ELIZABETH, Wife of the
above RICH$^{D}$. BAYLY, who died
Aug$^{st}$. the 14, 1784. Aged 80 Years.

In Memory of
BENJAMIN, Son of
RICH$^{D}$. and ELIZ$^{H}$.
BAYLY of this Parish
who died Jan$^{Y}$ 24, 1777
Aged 29 Years.

Here lieth the
Body of SAMUELL
FULLER, of this
Parish, He departed
this life March
the 31$^{st}$. 1767
Aged 65 Years.

To the memory of
ELIZABETH, wife of
SAMUEL FULLER
Carpenter, of this
Parish, who died
April the 28$^{th}$. 1765
aged 58 Years.

Left surviving one Son and one Daughter
James and Elizabeth.

In Memory of
JAMES BUSS, of this Parish: who died
April the 23$^{d}$. 1806. Aged 72 Years.
also ELIZABETH BUSS, died
February the 15$^{th}$. 1814, Aged 78 Years
Left issue Two Sons,
and One Daughter (viz)
George, Elizabeth, and Richard.

To the Memory of
ELIZABETH Wife of
JAMES HOMEWOOD, and Daughter
of EDWARD and ANN MUNK,
of this Parish: who died June the 12th 1807,
Aged 36 Years.
Left issue Surviving Four Sons and Three
Daughters, (viz) James, Isaac, Edward,
Thomas, Elizabeth, Frances, and Ann.

A New Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. St. John's Gospel Chap. XIII. vr. 34.
She was a tender Mother and a Parent dear:
a quiet Neighbour and a faithful Friend.
So as she Liv'd we hope so is her end.

*Two Coffin shaped stones.*

In Memory
of EDWARD MUNK, Yeoman,
of this Parish, who departed this Life
September the 21st 1821, Aged 76 Years.
Also ANN his Wife who died June 21st
1822. Aged 71 Years.
Left Issue Surviving four Sons
and three Daughters (viz) James,
John, Edward, Thomas,
Ann, Jemima and Sarah.

Erected to the Memory of
SARAH
Daughter of EDWARD and ANN MUNK
Late of this Parish
who departed this Life December the 7th 1822
Aged 32 Years.

To tell the virtues that perhaps might glow
With hallow'd meekness in the dust below
To tell the vices that might harbour there
And paint each folly to the vulgar stare
Were bootless now no censure could alarm
No love could waken and no praise could charm
Stranger that wanderest o'er the green turf cold
Where sleep my relics in the silent mould
Grieve not for me nor idly seek to learn
If aught were mine to reverence or spurn
Look to thyself, enough the tomb hath said
Enough the graven tablet of the dead,
If haply warning as thou ramblest by
This humble stone can teach thee how to die.

The above was chosen by herself.

Erected
to the memory of
SAMSON BUTTON,
of Bethersden, who died
April 19th 1849, aged 73 years.
also ANN, his wife,
died Jany 16th 1852,
aged 79 years.
Left issue one Son,
and two Daughters, William,
Jemima, and Charlotte.

In Memory
of
JOSEPH EVENDEN
of this Parish, who died Aug$^{st}$ 12$^{th}$
1853, aged 74 years.
Also MARY, wife of the above who died
May 28$^{th}$ 1820, aged 43 years.
also HARRIOT, their daughter
died Aug$^{st}$ 1$^{st}$ 1817, aged 14 years.
also JOSEPH, their Son died
June 18$^{th}$ 1834, aged 27 years.
also ANN, their daughter and wife of
EDWARD PEARSON, of Ulcomb,
died Dec$^{r}$ 4$^{th}$ 1842, aged 25 years.
also HANNAH, second wife of the
above JOSEPH EVENDEN died
March 1$^{st}$ 1834, aged 39 years.
also MARIA, their daughter
died Jan$^{y}$ 13$^{th}$ 1830, aged 4 years.
also GEORGE, their son died
Dec.$^{r}$ 19$^{th}$ Aged 7 years.
Left surviving William, John,
Thomas, James, and Mary.

Erected
to the Memory of
CHARLES-MERREX EVENDEN
son of
Joseph, and Mary Evenden,
of this Parish,
who died Sep$^{r}$ 23$^{rd}$ 1839,
aged 29 years.

Reader! this silent Grave contains,
A Husband and Father's dear remains
Death like a frost, has nipt his bloom
And call'd him early to the Tomb.
He left a widow and 5 children,
Isaac, Matilda, Eliza-Sarah,
Amelia-Maria, and Jane.

Sacred to the memory
of JAMES
Son of HUBURY
and FRANCES GAY,
of Huntington Street,
Hoxton London: who
departed this Life
July the 22nd 1808,
aged 10 Months.
The above FRANCES Daugh
of John, and Elizth Munk
of Little Hamton in Sussex.

This tender blossom of the opening Year.
Whose .... (rest illegible).

Sacred to the Memory
of ELIZn Daughter
of James and Sarah Munk,
of this Parish;
who died March the 1st 1806,
aged 6 Years.

In this Cold grave lies one whose gentle Youth,
Shone bright with Native Innocence and Truth,
Stranger to vice no guile her Bosom Knew,
Heav'n claims her soul the Earth her spotless due.

also JAMES MUNK
who died Feby the 13th 1840
Aged 68 Years.
Also SARAH, his wife
who died Decr the 6th 1856
Aged 86 Years.

Sacred to the Memory
of NANCE Daughter
of Samson and Ann BUTTON,
of the Parish of Bethersden:
who died March the 3d. 1806,
Aged 4 Years.
also SARAH their Daughter
died March the 12th. 1806
Aged 7 Weeks.

Beneath this Stone lies Innocence at rest,
Took early from their loving Parents breast,
To Heaven there more happiness to see;
And from Afflictions ever to be free.

Also of FRANCES their Daughr.
died March the 3. 1815,
Aged 18 Months.

Sacred to the Memory
of EDWARD Son of Samson
and Ann Button,
of the Parish of Bethersden
he departed this Life
April the 21st. 1813,
Aged 15 Years.

Oh if my threatning sins were gone,
And Death had lost his sting,
I could invite the Angel on,
And chide his Lazy wing.
Joyful I'd lay this body down,
And leave this lifeless clay,
Without a sigh without a groan,
Stretch and soar away.

Sacred to the Memory
of
ALFRED Son of SAMSON
and Ann BUTTON,
of the Parish of Bethersden,
who departed this Life
January the 15th 1827,
aged 19 Years.

In memory of
IOHN AUSTEN of
This Parish
Died June 24
In 1750
65 Years.

In memory of
SARAH wife of
IOHN AUSTEN who
Died February the
3 in the year
1750

In Memory of
ROBERT Son of ROBERT
and CELIA TASSEL
of this Parish who died
April 20th 1807,
Aged 3 Years 9 Months.

NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

In Memory
of
WILLIAM COLEGATE,
of this parish who died March
28th 1833, aged 55 years.
Also
HARRIETT, ELIZABETH,
Wife of the above, who died
April 26th 1835 aged 57 years.

Likewise
WILLIAM BRISTOW,
their son, who died July
3rd 1828 aged 23 years.
and
ELIZABETH, their daughter
who died April 18th 1830
aged 21 years.

To
The Memory of
ROBERT PERKINS,
of Canterbury
who died April the 29th 1824,
aged 63 Years.
Also
of EDWARD & LOUISA,
Infant Children of Willm
COLEGATE of this Parish;
Nephew of the above
Robert Perkins.

In
memory of
ANN wife of William WEST
of this Parish, who died June 14th
1833, aged 26 Years.
Left issue 3 Daughters (viz) Ann,
Sarah and Martha.
KITTY, second wife of the above
who died April 17th 1844,
Aged 36 years.

Left issue 1 Daughter Mary,
ANN third wife of the above,
who died March 28th 1863,
aged 67 years.
was interred at Allhallows in the
Hundred of Hoo.

*(Very thick stone close to the Tower.)*

Here lyeth
the Body of
THOMAS
HOPPER of
Smarden Sen
who departed
this Life the 23
of April 1683 aged
52 years and had
issve by his wife
Elizabeth 4 sonns
an 4 davghters.

*(Small stone 7½ inches thick.)*

Here
lyeth the
Body of
JONE HOPPER
of Smarden
wife of Thomas
Hopper Sen who
departed this
Life the 11 of IVNE
... aged ...

*(Near the North wall of the Church.)*

In Memory of
ANN Wife of Thomas Hinds,
of this Parish:
who died January 8th 1822,
Aged 74 Years.
also of THOMAS HINDS Yeoman
who died April 7th 1831,
Aged 86 Years.

*(Wooden Cross.)*

R. R. WILKINSON,
Died April 19th 1867,
Aged 62 Years.

NEAR THE NORTH PORCH.

*(Incised in the head of the Stone are the Good Samaritan, pouring oil into the wounded arm of the traveller, also the Priest and Levite passing by. The beast is also represented.)*

Go and do thou likewise. St. Luke. Chap x. v. 37

To the Memory of
JOHN and MARY HINDS.
of this Parish:
He died January 21st 1787,
Aged 70 Years.
She died Novr 28th 1789,
Aged 74 Years,
They left Issue; one Son Thos,
and she one Daughter Sarah,
by a former Husband.
How Good or Bad they were,
The Judgement Day will shew.

*(Three Cherubs on stone)*

In Memory of JOHN
MARY and JOHN Sons and Da$^{n}$ghte$^{r}$
of John and Mary HINDS,
of this Parish
JOHN died April the 5$^{th}$ 1751,
Aged 2 Years.
MARY died May the 4$^{th}$ 1762,
Aged 4 Years.
JOHN died June the 1$^{st}$ 1762,
Aged 8 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
M$^{r}$ JAMES BATT,
of this Parish, Farmer
died Dec$^{r}$ 7. 1841,
Aged 57 years.
also
M$^{rs}$ MARY BATT,
Wife of the above
died May 11, 1849,
aged 63 years.
Likewise
M$^{rs}$ MARY GURR,
Daughter of the above,
died Feb$^{y}$ 20, 1847,
aged 28 years.

*(Near North Wall)*

Here lieth the Body of JOHN HARNDEN of this Parish: He died August y° 30 1751 Aged 73 Years.

Here lieth the Body of ELIZ the Wife of John Harnden of this Parish, She died April y° 28 1728 Aged 50 Years.

Left issue three Sons & four Daughters viz. William, John, & Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, & Priscilla.

In Memory of
PETER PEREN of this Parish
who died Decembr the 3rd 1767
Aged 48 years.
And HANNAH his Wife died Nov
the 20th 1762, Aged 38 Years.
Left issue one Son Peter

Affliction sore long time they bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Till God did please Death should them seize,
And ease them of their pain.

*(Flat stone)*

Here lyeth the Body
of THOMAS PELL who
died May the 7
1696 aged 75 years
left 1 Davghter.
MARY.

[His Will was proved 13 July 1696, from which it appears he had one daughter named Mary, and she was married.]

Here lyeth the body of
MARRIAN wife of THOMAS
PELL who dyed May the 2
1695 aged 74 years.

[In the Register :—May 8th Mary the wife of Thomas Pell, buryed.]

*Much worn.*

Here lyeth buryed
CHRISTOPHER CARR
being of the age of
22 yeres. He dyed the
. . day of Ianuary
Anno domini 1628.

Sacred
to the memory of
Mr. JOHN ALLWORTHY
of the Parish of Egerton
formerly of London,
obt July 23rd 1867,
Æt 79 years.
also ELIZABETH COLE
of Egerton, formerly of London
obt Sept. 12th 1867,
Æt. 91 years.
and Mother of Mrs Allworthy.
Also
Mrs ELIZABETH ALLWORTHY
the beloved wife of the above
obt. Septr 4th 1876,
Æt. 65 years.
"Blessed are they that sleep in the Lord."
"Not lost but gone before."

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS RUSSELL
farmer of this parish,
who died November 17th 1865,
aged 78 years.
Leaving Mary his widow 2 sons and
7 Daughters (viz) William, Thomas,
Mary-Ann, Susannah, Jane,
Ellen, Amelia, Ann and Frances,
"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

In Memory of
WILLIAM BINGHAM
of this Parish, who died 11th July 1809,
Aged 54 Years.
Also SUSAN, Wife of the above
William Bingham who died
August 28th 1831,
Aged 80 Years.
Life is uncertain, Death is sure,
Sin is the wound, and Christ the Cure.

(*Two small wooden Crosses.*)
In
Memory
of
ALICE. MAUD. HILLS.
Died June 17th 1884.
aged
10
Years

In
Memory
of
ETHEL. ROSE. HILLS.
Died May 5th 1884.
aged
1 Year
&
9 Mo:

In Affectionate Remembrance
of
WILLIAM KENNETT
late of Lyminge,
who departed this life Jan:y 26th
1870, aged 83 years.
Also of ANN, wife of the above
who departed this life April 6th
1871, aged 86 years.
Leaving one daughter Grace.

Erected to the Memory
of RICHARD RUSSEL of this
Parish, who died the 7th of July
1792, Aged 76 Years.
also SUSANNA, his Wife died
May the 5th 1761, Aged 42 Years.
also ELIZABETH, Wife of Tho:
LEWIS and daugh:r of the above, died
Oct:r the 11th 1787, Aged 31 Years.
Left Issue three Sons and two Daugh:rs
Richard, Thomas, John, Mary &
Susanna,
Also 4 children who died in their
Infancy.

Sacred
to the Memory of
JOHN RUSSELL
Late of this Parish
who departed this Life
June the 18th 1826,
Aged 68 Years.

(*Death's Head and Cross-bones.*)

Here lieth the body of
JOHN DOWNE and ANNE his Wife
(Both of this Parish) She died April y^e^
23^d^ In the year of Our Lord 1705
Aged 44 years. He died February y^e^ 4
1717 Aged 66 years. they left Issue
one Son And 4 Daughters.

In Affectionate Remembrance
of
GRACE,
the beloved wife of
Thomas RUSSELL,
of this parish,
who died October 22nd 1871,
aged 52 years.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew. v. 4 Verse.

In Memory of
RICHARD RUSSELL
late of Headcorn,
who died 7th January 1799,
Aged 55 Years.

Also MARY his Wife
who died 17th September 1802,
aged 60 Years.

Stop traveler and cast an Eye,
As you are now so once was I,
But as I am, so must you be,
Therefore prepare to follow me.
Affliction sore long time I bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Till God did please, Death should me sieze
And ease me of my pain.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ANN RUSSELL,
Wife of Thomas Russell,
of this place Yeoman,
who died 26th July 1831,
Aged 73 Years.
Also of the above
THOMAS RUSSELL
who died 2nd March 1834,
Aged 80 Years.
Left Issue 2 Sons & 1 Daughter,
(viz) THOMAS, WILLIAM, and SUSAN.

In Memory of
MARY-ANN, daughter of
Thos & Ann RUSSELL
of this Parish, who died the
1st Day of Sept. 1808, in the
13th year of her age.

Reader, this silent Grave contains
A much loved Daughter's dear Remains,
Death like a Frost hath nipt her Bloom
And early sent her to the Tomb.
Hence let the young this Lesson learn,
Eternity's their Great Concern.

Also JOHN, son of WILL.M and SUSAN
RUSSELL of Bethersden, Nephew
of the above who died 23rd Augst
1835, Aged 7 Months.

In
Remembrance of
GURNEY WHITE
who was buried in the family
Vault at Lyminge Kent
June 30th 1873, aged 84 years.
also of SARA-ANN,
wife of the above
who lies beneath this stone
died May 23rd 1877,
aged 69 years.
"They rest from their labours."

In Memory of
SUSANNA HOGBEN,
Daughter of Thomas and
Susanna Hogben,
who Died the 25th of April
1792, Aged 66 Years.

T. HOGBEN
Ob. 1774
Æt. 71.

[The Register has "1774. Jan. 18. Mr. Thomas Hogben." The author saw a brass sun dial of considerable merit, on which was inscribed:—"Made by Tho: Hogben Landsurveyor, and master of the free school of Smarden, 1754."]

S. HOGBEN
Ob. 1768
Æt. 71.
[In Register 1768. August 10. Susanna Wife of Mr. Thomas Hogben.]

*(Close to Chancel.)*
JANE DORMAN
(daughter of the late
Rev$^{d}$. M$^{r}$. Geo.
Carleton, Sub-
Dean of His
Majesty's Chapel
Royal) Died 14$^{th}$
June 1788, Aged 58 Years.

Here lieth the
Body of ELIZABETH
Wife of John GREENHILL
of Frittenden Died Jan$^{y}$ the
11, 1753 Aged 61 Years.
Left Issue one Daughter
FRANCES
Affliction sore long time she bore
Physicians were in vain
Till God did please
Death should me seize
To ease me of my pain.

In Memory of
JOHN GREENHILL of
Frittenden Yeoman
He died Dec$^{r}$. y$^{e}$ 12$^{d}$. 1763,
Aged 77 Years
He left Issue 2 Daugh$^{rs}$.
Elisabeth & Frances.
Free from all care and pain
Asleep my body . . . . (illegible.)

Here
lyeth y^e^ Body
of MARY the
Wife of John
GREENELL, y^e^
Daughter of Rich^d^
and Eliza^h^ WOOD
who died y^e^ 22 of
Decem: 1715 in y^e^
29 Year of her
Age
Left issue 2 Daugh^s^
Eliza & Mary.

Here lieth
the Body of
RICHARD WOOD
who died y^e^ 28 day
of April 1715 in y^e^
64 year of His Age
left Issue one Son
and 5 Daughters
Richard, Mary, Eliz,
Sarah, Martha,
& Ann

Sacred
to the Memory of
REBECCA ANN Daugh^r^ of
Rob^t^ and Harriot TURK,
of this Parish,
who died Nov^r^ 5^th^ 1832,
Aged 19 Years.

also CHARLES their son died
in its Infancy.
The pale Consumtion gave the fatal blow,
Death was Certain tho' the effect was slow;
With wasting pains Death found me sore oppresd,
Pitied my sighs and kindly gave me rest.
Also HARRIOT Daught$^{r}$ of Rob$^{t}$
& Harriot Turk died Sept$^{r}$ 19
1841, Aged 19 Years.

In
Loving Remembrance
of
WILLIAM P. GURR
of this parish,
who departed this life
August 8$^{th}$ 1881,
in the 78$^{th}$ year of his age.

Sacred
to the memory of
Capt$^{n}$ PETER ALLEN,
(late in the service of
the Hon. East India Company)
Son of Gabriel & Mary Allen.
late of Maidstone,
who died December 13$^{th}$ 1853,
Aged 62 years.

Sacred to the memory
of
MARY Wife of
Gabriel ALLEN Surgeon
Formerly of Maidstone,
who died on the 21st of March,
1829 Aged 75 Years.
also
the Above GABRIEL ALLEN,
who died the 29th of November
1831, Aged 83 Years.
Left Issue 6 sons & 2 Daughr.

Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY Wife of
GABRIEL ALLEN, Surgeon,
of Bettenham in Cranbrook
(formerly of this Parish)
who died April 7th 1831,
Aged 45 Years.
Left Issue 13 Children,
Also
the above GABRIEL ALLEN
who died October 14th 1859
Aged 77 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
WILLIAM PEARSON
Wheelwright of this Parish
who departed this life Decr 9th
1859, Aged 49 years.

Leaving a widow and 5 children,
(viz) Maria, William, John,
Elizabeth and George.

In love he lived, in peace he died,
His life was crav'd but God denied;

also of
ELIZABETH, widow of the
above, who died March 5th 1878,
Aged 73 years.

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Hebrews. XIII. 14th Verse.

Sacred
to the memory of
MARIA, eldest daughter of
William and Elizabeth
PEARSON, of this parish
who died November 5th
1865, aged 26 years.

Friends weep not in sorrow of spirit,
But joy that my time here is o'er,
I go the good part to inherit,
Where sorrow and sin are no more.

In Memory of
THOMAS PAINE, who
died June ye 29th 1765,
Aged 83 Years.
Also
JUDETH his wife
who died July ye 12th 1755,
Aged 69 Years.

Likewise Eliz$^{th}$ their Daugh.
wife of John Large
She died April 30 1759
aged 38 years.
Left Issue two Sons
Richard and John.

In memory of
John, Son of Thom$^{s}$.
& Judeth Paine
Who died Oct$^{r}$.
the 18$^{th}$ 1749
Aged 37 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
William Cornes
late of this parish
who departed this Life
July 14$^{th}$ 1852,
aged 73 years.
Also of Sarah
wife of the above William Cornes
who died October 14$^{th}$ 1848,
Aged 62 years.
Leaving surviving four sons and
five daughters (viz) John, William,
Thomas, Norton, Elizabeth, Mary,
Ann, Sarah, and Harriot,
also Leonard
who died in his Infancy.
Husband and children do not weep,
In Heaven with you I hope to meet,
And there our cheerful voices raise,
To sing our Dear redeemer's praise.

In Memory
of
JESSE TASSELL
of this parish,
who died August 22nd 1858,
aged 32 years.
Left surviving a widow
and two Sons (viz)
Horace and Edgar.

Erected
to the Memory of
HARRIOT the wife of
Edward DAY,
of this Parish, who died
December 21st 1865
aged 39 years.
Left surviving two sons
and two daughters,
(viz) Horace, Edgar, Emma,
and Eva, the above sons by
her former Husband.

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS CORNES
farmer of this parish,
who departed this life on the
20th day of July 1863,
aged 48 years.
This stone is erected by a few personal
friends in token of their appreciation
of his honest and obliging disposition as
well in sympathy for his wife and daughter
in their loss of so good a husband
and father.

*(Three small coped stones on a plinth)*

In affectionate remembrance of
FRANK, sixth son of CHARLES. M.E & EMMA. C. CORNES
of Pluckley, and late of this parish,
who died Dec$^{r}$ 27$^{th}$ 1882, aged 10 days.
The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away,
blessed be the name of the Lord.

In affectionate Remembrance of
CHARLES, second son of
Charles M.E and Emma C. CORNES
of this parish, who died April 30$^{th}$ 1877,
aged 4 years and 5 months.
An angel took my flower away, yet I will not repine
Since Jesus in his bosom wears, that flower that once was mine.

In affectionate Remembrance of
SARAH, infant daughter of
CHARLES. M.E and Emma C. CORNES of this Parish,
who died April 14$^{th}$ 1870, aged 14 weeks.
No longer weep for her, so early gone to Rest;
Your little lamb rest peacefully, upon her Saviour's breast.

In
Affectionate
Remembrance of
WILLIAM CORNES
of this Parish,
who died October 7$^{th}$ 1872,
Aged 60 years.

Also of
ANN, wife of the above
who died February 28th 1865,
aged 60 years.
Leaving 2 sons and 2 daughters;
(viz) Charles-M.E., William,
Jane and Emily.
The above named Ann,
left by her first Husband
5 daughters, (viz) Mary-Ann,
Hannah, Sarah, Harriett,
and Ann.
How hard it is to part with those
We hold on earth so dear,
The heart no greater trial knows
No sorrow more severe.

(*Coped stone*)
In affectionate Remembrance of
SARAH, third daughter of Charles and Ann WOOD
of this parish, who died February 16th 1878,
aged 50 years.
We cannot tell who next may fall beneath thy chastening rod:
One must be first, so let us all prepare to meet our God.

Sacred to the Memory of
NORTON CORNES
of this Parish,
who died Decr. 19th 1873,
aged 44 years.
Leaving a widow and eight
Children, Sarah, Ann, Esther,
Elizabeth, Thomas, Eliza,
Eva and Agnes.

also of
SUSAN, daughter of the
above, who died June 6th 1862,
aged 3 years.

ON A STONE FORMERLY IN THE CHURCHYARD.

Vnder neth this tombe lyeth the body of
GEORGE BROWN who departed this life ye 13
day of April 1702 aged 43 years Hee left
Issve by ELIZABETH one davghter MARY
Vnder neth.....body of ELIZABETH
davghter.....MARY his wife who depd
this life 27 . . 1703 aged 3 years

[These extracts occur in the Parish Register:—
1702 April 17 Mr. George Brown Chirurgeon Householder.
1703 Feb. 3 Elizabeth the Daughter of Mrs Mary Brown widdow.
1708 August ye 2d Mrs Mary Brown. widdow.]

## THE CHAPELS OF THE NONCONFORMISTS.

### PARTICULAR BAPTIST, OR TILDEN CHAPEL.

Though it is stated in the oldest book belonging to this Chapel, that "the Church was formed and Covenant signed by eighty-four Members in 1640," they probably had no place which we should call a "Chapel" until after 1672; indeed it is a question whether any place, set apart entirely for religious worship, was to be found in the Weald of Kent prior to that date, or more likely before 1688. On the first page of the book above mentioned are, among other names, those of Richard Kingsnorth, Senior and Junr., also Daniel, Henry, John, and James Kingsnorth, besides Matthew Hartnup and others. These must

have united in fellowship in Private Houses; for, at first, it was the "Meeting-in-house," then "Meeting-House," and afterwards "Chapel;" probably so named from private Chapels in Churches.

Mr. Tarbutt, of Cranbrook, who has for many years made the History of Non-conformity in Kent a special study, states that when King Charles II. in 1672, without the authority of Parliament, granted a Royal licence to Nonconformist Ministers to preach in private houses, and to the people to have a religious service in their own dwellings under his protection, a William Gilham applied for and obtained a licence to have Baptist Ministers to hold Divine service in his house. They were then called Anabaptists. A Royal licence was also obtained to have Nonconformist preaching, in one or more private houses, in the following parishes, which are within fifteen miles of Smarden: namely, Ashford, Benenden, Biddenden, Charing, Cranbrook, Frittenden, Goudhurst, Headcorn, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Lenham, Marden, Rolvenden, Staplehurst, Sutton, and Tenterden. At Staplehurst and Rolvenden Houses were licensed for the ejected Ministers from the Church in those two parishes. At some of the places Baptist and Presbyterian Ministers resided, and went the circuit to the licensed Houses. These licences were all granted in 1672.

There was not "*Tilden Chapel*" strictly so called until 1700, when Robert Knight and Thomas Gilham were Pastor and Elder: prior to that date there was merely a union of men and women, who met in some house for their religious worship.

From documents belonging to this Meeting, it appears differences arose in 1705 about "Personal Election and General Redemption," and Thomas Gilham being called upon to state his views upon these doctrines, "fetched out y$^{e}$ Church Booke, and red y$^{e}$ articles he had subscribed," "stating his belief that the death of Christ extended to all men." The dissentients however demanded an answer yea or nay, and in 1706, both Daniel and Thomas Kingsworth, with others, "separated themselves from y$^{e}$ Church of Christ meeting at Smarden and Charing under the care of Brother Gilham."

In 1726 the present Chapel was erected at the sole expense of James Tilden, of Halden, who was one of the deacons, and had stood a member of the Church above twenty years. Mr. Tilden died 1729, and left an endowment for the maintenance of a school for the children of poor members.

In 1741 the present declaration of faith and practice was agreed to and signed by fifty-eight members. The decrease was attributed to the separation in the Church, and the fact that the "General Baptists had built a Chapel, commonly called the "*Bell Meeting.*"

On 17th April 1840 a centenary meeting was held to commemorate the formation of the Church in 1640.

The Names of the Pastors or Elders of this Chapel are given below: the list, with dates, being compiled from records in the custody of the present Minister.

1640. Richard Kingsnorth and Andrew Hill.
1655. Richard Kingsnorth and Robert Knight.
1700. Robert Knight ,, Thomas Gilham.
1714. Thomas Gilham ,, John Edmett.
1724. John Edmett ,, Thomas Haffenden.
1751. Thomas Haffenden ,, Thomas Burch.
1760. Thomas Burch ,, John Burch.
1766. Josiah Lewis ,, ,,
1778. Reader Slinn ,, ,,
1785. Reader Williams ,, ,,
1786. Reader Nutter ,, ,,
1788. Samuel Davies ,, ,,
1789. Thomas Wake ,, John Burch, died 9 Oct. 1795.
1797. Samuel Bordingham, died 30 August in same year.
1801—1803. William Mills. In June went to Gravesend.
From this time supplies by Tidd, Kingsmill, and Copping.
1814. John Copping died January 30, 1837.
1837 Dec. 6—1858 William Syckelmore died 21 Jan. 1858.
1858—1862. Served by "Supplies."
1862 July 8. Robert William Mann (the present Minister.)

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

OVER THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL.

This
Is: the: Gift of
IAMES TILDEN; of: high
Halden, in Kent, Yeaman:
and Was Built in the: year 1726

INTERIOR.

*On the floor.*

Here lyes Interr'd
y^e^ Body of JAMES
TILDEN, of High-
Halden in Kent,
Yeoman who departed
this life y^e^ 19^th^ of
Nov^r^ 1729 &
Aged 81 Years.

*White marble tablet on the Wall.*

Sacred to the memory of
JOHN BALLARD,
of Staplehurst, in this County;
who died August 22^nd^ 1835, aged 61 years.

the deceas'd was for many years a faithful deacon of the church assembly here: he was the subject of severe and lengthened affliction which he bore with great resignation and even cheerfulness in his intercourse with society he was generous yet firm: as a christian he was consistant and a man of fervent prayer: his memory will long be cherished with respect by all who knew him and with true affection by a bereaved wife and family.

"Behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace!"

also PRISCILLA, wife of the above
who died May 6^th^ 1854, aged 76 years.

IN THE GRAVEYARD.

In
Memory of
JOHN, son of BENJAMIN and
MARGARET ELGAR
of this parish,
who died July 19th 1841.
aged 3 years.
also ELI, son of the above
who died at Ash near Sandwich
May 13th 1857. aged 15 years.

In
Memory of
JAMES son of BENJAMIN and
MARGARET ELGAR
of this parish, who died at Ash
near Sandwich. August 17th 1866.
aged 31 years.

I. H. S.
In
affectionate remembrance
of
BENJAMIN ELGAR
who died at Richborough Farm
Ash next Sandwich,
on the 23rd day of May 1878,
in the 80th year of his age.

also of MARGARET,
wife of the above
who died at Richborough Farm
Ash next Sandwich,
on the 26th day of May 1881,
in the 80th year of her age,
both formerly of this parish.
I am the resurrection and the life,
he that believeth in me, though he
were dead, yet shall he live.

*Double-headed stone with a small profile portrait.*

Here lieth Interr'd the
Body of THOS. EDMET, of Biddenden
Yeoman, who departed this life
March y$^{e}$ 28th 1735 Aged 36 Years.
Also MARY his Wife who departed
this life March y$^{e}$ 20th 174$\frac{4}{5}$
Aged 47 Years.
Left Issue 5 Children (viz) JANE
SAMUEL MARY ELIZ$^{a}$. & SARAH.
Also MARY daughter of y$^{e}$ above
THOS. and MARY EDMET departed
this life Decem$^{r}$. 28th 1789 in the
60th Year of her Age.

In Memory of ELIZABETH PAYNE
Spinster (Sister to the undermentioned
M$^{rs}$ EDMETT) who died Febru$^{y}$. 9th 1787.
Aged 49 Years.
In Memory of SARAH, Wife of
SAMUEL EDMETT of Biddenden, who departed
this Life July the 12th 1761 Aged 30 Years.
Left Issue one Son THOMAS.

In Memory of
SARAH, Daughter of
JAMES & SARAH PETTER
POWELL,
who died March 30th 1785
aged 15 Years.
also
WILLIAM, JOHN, JOSEPH
and WILLIAM, Sons of
J and S. P. POWELL, died in
their Infancy.

To the Memory of
JAMES POWELL,
of this Parish, Surgeon, who
died the 14th of March, 1804,
in the 61st Year of his Age.
He left surviving three Sons
and one Daughter.
Also
SARAH-PETTER POWELL,
Widow of the above, died at
Chichester the 26th April 1821,
Aged 70 Years.

AT THE BACK OF THE CHAPEL.

*On the sides of a stone Altar Tomb.*

Here Lieth Interr'd
Mr. THOS. HAFFENDEN of
This Parish who Died April 8th 1756,
Aged 75 Years.

He was a Diligent and Faithful
Minister of the Gospel
above Fourty Years.

[He is described as "Elder" in the book belonging to this Chapel, and was appointed a Trustee for the School at his chapel in 1726. He was co-pastor with Thomas Gilham, for it was the custom in those days to have two ministers.
He lived at what is called Haffenden Quarter.]

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Also Here lieth MARY his
Wife (Daughter of RICH$^{D}$. HAFFENDEN
of this Parish Gen$^{t}$) who died July y$^{e}$ 6.
1746 Aged 66 Years.
They left Issue one Daughter ELIZABETH
the Wife of JOHN HAFFENDEN
of Bethersden

*Old fashioned upright stone with portrait incised.*

Here
lieth the
Body of GEORGE
HAFFENDEN, Son of
THO$^{S}$. HAFFENDEN
& MARY His Wife:
who departed this
life October y$^{e}$ 13$^{th}$.
1742
Aged 25 Years.

*Stone similar to the last also with portrait.*

Here
lieth Interr'd
the Body of
THO$^{s}$. HAFFENDEN
Son of THO$^{s}$.
HAFFENDEN, and
Mary his Wife; who
departed this life
January y$^{e}$ 8$^{th}$. 1737
Aged 27 Years.

In Memory of
ROBERT HOOKER
late of this Parish;
who departed this Life 8$^{th}$. March 1794
aged 85 Years.
Also of MARY, his Wife.
who died 14$^{th}$. August 1794,
Aged 81 Years.
Left Issue Five Sons, and one Daughter
(viz) JAMES, MARY, JOSEPH,
JOHN, BENJAMIN, & ISAAC.

Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES CORNES,
of this parish,
who departed this life April 12$^{th}$. 1870,
aged 83 years.

also HANNAH, wife of the above,
who departed this life Sept$^{r}$. 10$^{th}$ 1857;
aged 66 years.
also ANNE, their daughter who died
in infancy.
leaving surviving three sons and two daughters,
namely JAMES, CHARLES, MARY ANN,
ELIZA and JOHN.

To
the Memory of
STEPHEN HOOKER of Aldington
who died the 5: of June 1779
Aged 79 Years.
Also ELIZABETH his Wife
who died the 8: of May 1789,
Aged 87 Years.
They Left Issue Five Sons and
Two Daughters, viz: SARAH, STEPHEN,
JOHN, WILLIAM, DANIEL, ELIZABETH &
THOMAS.

Kind Angels watch this Sleeping Dust,
Till Jesus comes to raise the Just.
Then may they wake with Sweet Surprise,
And in their Saviours Image rise.

[The Register states that Stephen was a Deacon and died 1780.]

*Thick stone with portrait incised.*

In Memory
of EDWARD
SEARLES late of
Wye in the County
of Kent Yeoman
Died May y$^{e}$ 31$^{st}$. . .
1746, Aged 49 Years.

Here Lieth the Body
of SAMUEL HARDEN of this
Parish, who died Sep$^{t}$ 29, 1778
Aged 72 Years.
Also ELIZABETH his Wife
who died May 22. 1784. Aged 88 Years.

*Difficult to read.*

Here Interr'd
y$^{e}$ Daughter of THOM$^{S}$
and ELIZAB$^{H}$ RUSSELL
of Tenterden
Who died Oct 9. 1747
In the 76 of her Age

To the pious Memory
of the most affectionate
ELIZ$^{H}$ RUSSELL
who departed this Life Nov$^{r}$
the 26$^{th}$ 1752, Aged 35 Years.
Left Issue one Son & 2 Daugh$^{s}$
This Stone is Erected by her disconsolate
Friend THO$^{S}$ RUSSELL of Tenterden.
This Read with a Sigh and follow'd
with a Tear, Alas is all that
Friends on Earth can do.

In Memory of
THOMAS RUSSELL Senior Late of
Tenterden in this County
Who died 6$^{th}$ October 1782. Aged 72 Years
Left issue THOMAS and ELIZABETH.

Here lieth Interr'd the
Body of ROBERT SANDERST,
of Great-Chart Yeoman, who
departed this life March y$^{e}$ 13$^{th}$
$174\frac{5}{6}$ Aged 52 Years.
Also ELIZAB$^{th}$ his Wife who
departed this life January
20$^{th}$ $174\frac{7}{8}$ Aged 52 Years.
left issue 2 Daughters
ELIZABETH & MARY.

*On the side of an altar Tomb.*

Here lieth the Body of THO$^{s}$
SIMMONS of High Halden in Kent
Yeo: he departed this life June
y$^{e}$ 20$^{th}$ 1755
Aged 76 Years.

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[The Book states he was a Deacon and died 21 June.]
JOHN SIMMONS,
his Nephew Erected
this Tomb.

*An Altar Tomb.*

In Memory of JENKIN HAGUE,
of Folkstone late of Biddenden
Kent Gen$^{t}$
who died March 19$^{th}$ 1777 in the
77$^{th}$ Year of his Age.

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In Memory of SUSAN.
the wife of JENKIN HAGUE,
of Folkstone late of Biddenden,
Kent.
who died June 23$^{rd}$ 1774 in the
74$^{th}$ Year of her Age.

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1881

In Loving Remembrance
of
KATE CLARA TONG,
died Decr 30th 1882
aged 8 years,
are lying near
LILLY JANE TONG
died Novr 26th 1870
aged 7 months.
They are not lost
but gone before.

Here lieth Interr'd the
Body of JOHN PETLY of
Smarden Yeoman, who
departed this life May ye
16th 1743 Aged 46 Years.
& left his Wife SUSANNAH PETLY
Also here lieth SUSANNA
his wife late wife of
RICHARD BAKER of Biddenden
who died Oct ye 9th 1760
Aged 67 Years.

In Memory of
WILLIAM AUSTIN formerly of
Egerton. But late of this Parish:
who died November the 4th 1804.
Aged 64 Years.
Left Issue One Daughter MARY.
Also MARY his Wife, who died
Augst 25th 1825. Aged 78 Years.
Likewise MARY DAY, Daughter of
the Above who died March 14th 1826
Aged 36 Years.

In Memory
of SARAH Wife
of JOSEPH GILHAM
of this Parish who
died Jan$^{y}$ the 3$^{rd}$ 1770
Aged 22 Years.

Go home dear Friends and shed no tears
I must be here till Christ appears
And at his coming I hope to have
A joyfull Rising from the Grave
Short was my race Long may be my Rest
God took me from you when he thought best

In Memory of MARY Wife
of JAMES FULLER, of this Parish
who Died January 29$^{th}$ 1781
Aged 47 Years.
Also the said JAMES FULLER
Son of SAMUEL & ELIZ$^{TH}$ FULLER,
Departed this Life April 10$^{th}$ 1787
Aged 55 Years.

Thy will be done.
I H S
In Memory of
HANNAH CORNES
daughter of JAMES and
HANNAH CORNES
of this parish,
who departed this life
Feb$^{y}$ 5$^{th}$ 1866, aged 42 years.
"Thanks be to God which giveth us the
victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

In Memory of
JAMES PAYNE,
late of Cranbrook who died
23d. June 1792, aged 63 Years.
Also
SUSANNAH his wife, who
died September 14th. 1815,
aged 80 Years.

In
Memory of
SUSANNA Wife of JOSEPH
LONG who departed this
life May the 22d. 1771
Aged 68 Years.

*A wooden Board.*

. . . . . BROWN
of Biddenden . . . . . 1792
. . . . . .

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Also SARAH his wife who departed this life October 30 1788
aged 61 years. Likewise ELIZABETH, Daughter of RICHARD and
SARAH RECORD of Lenham, who died June 2 1795 Aged 9 Years.

In
memory of
THOMAS TURK
of Pluckley
who died September 12th. 1859.
aged 59 years.

also ANN MARIA
wife of the above
who died June 2nd 1878,
aged 70 years.
also MARY
who died August 9th 1857,
aged 21 years.
also FRANCES
who died September 12th 1857,
aged 17 years.
daughter of the above.

In
Memory of
Mrs SARAH BALLARD,
late of Hawkhurst,
who calmly left this world of cares
September 25th 1829.
aged 77 years.
Also near this place are the remains
of her first Husband
SAMUEL HEATH,
who Died 1788, aged 41 Years,
and one Daughter ELIZABETH
who Died July 10th 1789 aged 8 Years.
Also one Son JESSE
who Died July 11th 1807 aged 24 Years,
and one Grandchild SARAH-ANN
who Died November 7th 1816,
aged 7 Months.

In Memory
of
SOPHIA Daughter of
JOB and ELIZ.ᴮ SANDERS,
who died October the 9th
1815, Aged 18 Years.

In Memory
of
SARAH Daughter of
JOB and ELIZᴮ. SANDERS
who died August the 4th
1811. Aged 18 Years.

In Memory of
ELIZABETH Wife of JOB SANDERS,
of this Parish; who died Decr the 7th
1802, Aged 40 Years.
Left Issue; Three Sons, and Four
Daughters, (viz) JOB, THOMAS, SILAS,
ELIZABETH, SARAH, SOPHIA,
and MARY.
Also the Above JOB SANDERS,
who died January 7th 1833,
Aged 74 Years.

In Memory
of
ELIZABETH, Daughter
of JOB and ELIZᴮ. SANDERS
. . . January the 28th
18 . . . . Aged 21 Years.

In Memory of
SARAH, Wife of JAMES ELGER,
of Headcorn; who died Jan$^{ry}$ 1$^{st}$
1797, Aged 42 Years.
Left Issue. 4 Sons, and 4 Daughters,
(viz) JAMES, EDW$^{D}$. THO$^{S}$.
BENJAMIN, SARAH. Mary,
ELIZ$^{A}$. and JANE.
Also the Above JAMES ELGAR
Late of this Parish,
who died July 12$^{th}$. 1827
Aged 77 Years.

In
Memory of
THOMAS ELGAR Son
of JAMES and SARAH
ELGAR of Smarden:
who died May 13$^{th}$. 1833
Aged 43 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOSEPH and MARY BRIDGE
builder, of this parish,

| JOSEPH, | MARY, |
|---|---|
| died Feb$^{ry}$ 17$^{th}$ 1868, | died June 6$^{th}$ 1861, |
| aged 80 years. | aged 77 years. |

leaving 3 sons, JAMES, ROBERT,
and JOSEPH.

Why do we mourn departing friends
or shake at death's alarms,
tis but the voice that Jesus sends
to call us to his arms.

In
Memory of
MARY ANN,
daughter of
JAMES & MARY BRIDGER
late of High Halden,
who died February 16, 1859;
aged 1 year & 10 months.

In memory of
DANIEL FOORD
who died June 20th 1809, aged 33 Years.
Also
CHARLOTTE FOORD,
(Wife of the above) died July 2nd 1812,
aged 27 Years.

To Faith and Charity her heart inclin'd,
Gentle, prudent, of an easy mind,
Ready to forgive, fearfull to offend,
Faithfull to her Parents, true to her Friend,
Her Course she finish'd, and resign'd her Breath,
In pursuit of Heaven through the Vale of Death.

Sacred
to the memory of
ELI BALLARD,
of Staplehurst,
who died 27th Augst 1881,
aged 74 years.
leaving a widow to lament his loss.
"For I know that my redeemer liveth."

Erected
to the memory of
WILLIAM BALLARD,
bachelor,
late of Staplehurst;
who died April 21st 1837,
aged 34 years.

Submissive at thy throne O God,
we own the justice of thy rod;
'tis thine to send thy judgments down,
'tis ours to say "thy will be done."
life's uncertain death is sure,
sin the wound but Christ the cure.

also near this place,
ESTHER BALLARD,
sister to the above,
who departed this life June 20th 1852
aged 44 years.

In
memory of
MARY, wife of
RICHARD BALLARD,
of Staplehurst; who died
Novr 20th 1820, aged 20 years
also the above
RICHARD BALLARD,
of Biddenden;
and son of JOHN, and
PRISCILLA BALLARD,
of Staplehurst, who died
Decr 15th 1827, aged 26 years
leaving MARY, his second
wife and three children
(viz) LOUISA, MELICENT,
and RICHARD.

In
Memory of
SILAS SANDERS,
of this Parish;
who died Dec$^{r}$ 28$^{th}$ 1833,
Aged 43 Years.

Sacred to the Memory of
JANE wife of JOHN HOOKER
and youngest daughter of
HENRY and MARY WISE of Egerton
who died May 15$^{th}$ 1859,
aged 47 years.
also HENRY infant son
of the above
who died June 5$^{th}$ 1848,
she left surviving one son
and six daughters, namely
JANE, ELIZABETH, MARY ANN,
SARAH ANN, MERCY, JOHN,
and LOUISA.

Many have been her afflictions; but the
Lord has delivered her out of them all.

In Memory
of
MARK A. COPPING
who died
June the 19$^{th}$ 1855
aged 6 months.

In Memory of
JOHN COPPING
who was a faithful pastor of the
baptist church in this place for
23 years and entered into rest
Jan$^{y}$. 30$^{th}$. 1837, aged 65 years, leaving
a widow and 6 children.
also MARY, his first wife who
died August 19$^{th}$. 1826, aged 54 years.
likewise JANE his second wife
who died Nov$^{r}$. 17$^{th}$. 1840,
aged 45 years.
left issue one daughter, JANE.

Sacred
to the memory of
JANE
wife of SILAS HICKMOTT
of Frittenden, who died in the
Lord, July the 16$^{th}$. 1857,
aged 40 years.
leaving eight children.

In Memory of
MATTHEW PARKER of this Parish,
Who Died March 16$^{th}$. 1820,
Aged 61 Years.
By his Request borne to the Grave by his Sons.
Also
SARAH his Wife Who Died June 18$^{th}$. 1832,
Aged 72 Years.
Left Issue nine children viz,
JABEZ, MARY, JOSIAH, SARAH, PHEBY,
RACHEL, JESSE, MORIAH, and JAMES.
In the midst of Industry, thought on Death.

In
Memory of
JOSEPH STEARS who died
April 23rd 1840, aged 54 years.
also
ELIZR. wife of JOSEPH STEARS
late of Biddenden,
who died Octr. 28th 1835,
aged 54 years.
left issue 2 sons, and 1 daughter
(viz) JAMES, WILLM. and ELIZR.
she was an affectionate wife and a
tender mother.

A sudden change I in a moment fell,
And had not time to bid my Friends farewell;
Think nothing strange Death happens unto all,
Tis my lot to-day to-morrow thine may fall.

Sacred
to the memory of
ALFRED OTTAWAY
son of SAMUEL, and
MARY OTTAWAY
who died February 10th
1861, aged 22 years.

Encased within this sacred grave,
lies one who did his earthy part;
to serve his master and to save.
his soul from sin with truthfull heart.

In
memory of
PETER HILLS, of this parish, who
died June 15th 1858 aged 64 years.

also
MARY, wife of PETER HILLS,
of this parish,
who died May 18th 1834,
aged 35 years,
likewise, JANE his second wife
who died July 11th 1881
aged 72 years.

Here
are deposited
the earthly remains of
JAMES BOORMAN,
of East Sutton, who departed this
life Febr. 9th 1845, aged 84 years.
also MARY, wife of the above
who departed this life May 27th
1844, aged 80 years.
left issue surviving 4 sons, and
4 daughters.

In memory of
JAMES PEARSON,
(of Kennardington)
who died December 14th 1871,
aged 60 years.
Also four children of the above
who died in their infancy.
He left a widow and seven children (viz)
WILLIAM, ALFRED, JAMES, MARY ANN,
THOMAS HENRY, SUSANNA, and SARAH.

Also PHEBE, daughter of the above
who died June 27th 1863,
aged 32 years.
"Ere long this tomb shall yeild its prey,
When the beleivers here,
With Jesus on that joyful day,
All glorious shall appear."

*Two stones within iron railings.*

1853
Beneath
lieth the mortal remains of
JOHN BOORMAN
late of Biddenden who died
September 22nd Aged 77
years.
also RACHEL BOORMAN,
of Biddenden, who died May 31st 1875,
in her 90th year.
"Complete in Him." Colossians II. 10.

In Memory
of
CHARLOTTE, wife of
JOHN BOORMAN
of Biddenden, who died
March 8th 1856,
aged 51 years.
also of the above
JOHN BOORMAN,
who died May 11th 1882,
aged 78 years.
"He giveth his beloved sleep." Psalm 127. 2.

*Wooden Memorial.*

In
memory of
JAMES COPPING, Son
of ROBT. & ELIZA. COPPING
of this parish
who died Sept. 18th 1835
aged 25 years.

Life is uncertain Death is sure,
sin the wound but Christ the cure.

C. S.
1866.

Sacred
to the memory of
CHARLES HAYTER son of
THOMAS and ELEANOR HAYTER
who died September 13th 1863.
aged 35 years. leaving a
widow and one son FRANK.
also CHARLES son of the above
who died January 2nd 1857,
aged 4 months.

"The dead shall hear the
voice of the son of God:
and they that hear shall live." John 5, 25.

In memory of
SARAH,
wife of JOHN CHILDREN,
who departed this life
June 29th 1872,
in the 74th year of her age.
left surviving 1 son and 1 daughter.
SILAS and SARAH.

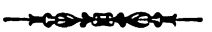
Erected
by
his sorrowing children in loving
remembrance of
SILAS HICKMOTT,
who died February 13th 1870,
aged 63 years.

Fearless he enter'd Jordan's flood,
At peace with Heaven, he closed his eyes,
His only trust was Jesu's blood,
In sure and certain hope to rise.
"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright:
for the end of that man is peace."

Also BENJAMIN, son of the above
who died June 14th 1847,
aged 1, year & 6 months:
and
WILLIAM,
who died March, 12th 1869,
aged 18 Years.

In
memory
of
STEPHEN HICKMOTT
bachelor,
of Buckhurst Hill Frittenden,
who died December 7th 1882,
in the 80th year of his age.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the
glorious appearing of the great God, and
our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2. 13.



*Two small coffin stones.*

ALICE CHAMBERS died Febr. 26th 1857
aged 18 months.

... CHAMBERS died April 1860
aged 2 years.

In
affectionate remembrance
of
MARGARET,
the beloved wife of
JOHN CORNES of this parish,
who died Novr. 9th 1880,
aged 45 years.
leaving two children (viz)
HANNAH-LOUISE and JAMES-PERCY.
So live, that falling into death's last sleep
calm thou may'st smile, while all around
thee weep.

✝

This stone
was erected in affectionate
remembrance by
WILLIAM & PHAROAH HONESS,
(now in America) to their departed mother
MARGARET,
the beloved Wife of
WILLIAM HONESS,
of this parish
who departed this life
on the 21st February 1879,
aged 50 years:

leaving 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters.
(viz) WILLIAM, PHAROAH, LEWIS,
EDWIN, LEONARD, ARTHUR, MARIA,
EMMA, ESTHER & GRACE.
also JOHN son of the above
who died 2nd January 1868,
aged 20 years.
In the midst of life we are in death.

To the memory of
EDWARD HONEYSETT
yeoman of this parish
who died March 4th 1840
aged 75 years.
N.B. he was a worthy member of this
church upwards of fifty years.
Also ELEANOR, his wife
who died Oct. 9th 1838,
aged 71 years.

Erected
to the memory of
JOHN PETTET
of this parish,
who died July 11th 1850,
aged 73 years.

E. B.
1871
[The Minister's Book indentifies these initials, 1871. January 6th Elizabeth Buss.
Maidstone. 31.]

In
memory of
WILLIAM SYCKELMOORE
a devoted pastor of the
baptist church in this place
for upwards of 20 years,
he was called to his eternal rest
16th January 1858.
in the 68 year of his age.
Victory through the blood of the lamb.
Also MARY-ANN wife of
the above who died Oct.r 8th
1865 aged 76 years.

In
memory of
SOPHIA BRIDGER
who died August 29. 1862;
aged 48 years.
left surviving 6 sons and 4 daughters.

In Memory
of
CHARLES WOOD,
who died Feb.y 22nd 1869,
aged 62 years.
also ELIZABETH BUSS,
daughter of the above
who died Jan.y 2nd 1871,
aged 31 years.
also JOHN, son of the above
who died April 27th 1876,
aged 34 years.

In Remembrance of
JAMES REEVES,
late of Sutton Valence,
who died Jan$^{ry}$ 22$^{nd}$ 1885
aged 67 years.
also MARY wife of the above,
who died Sep$^{tr}$ 15$^{th}$ 1871,
aged 54 years.
left surviving 2 sons and four daughters
viz, ALFRED, MARY ANN, ALBERT, RACHEL,
ELIZA & LOUISA,
Who is a God like unto thee?
Micah 7 c. 18 v.

In Affectionate Remembrance
of
CHARLES BATT
of this parish,
who died September 9$^{th}$ 1868,
aged 50 years.
asleep in Jesus.
leaving a widow and 10 children
to lament their loss.
also HOSMER, son of the above,
who died September 24$^{th}$ 1870,
aged 3 years and 4 months.
also EBENEZER, son of the above
who died at
Hartland, Wisconsin, North America,
October 8$^{th}$ 1882, aged 33 years.

*A coped stone.*

In affectionate remembrance of
CHARLES, son of ELI and ANN WOOD of Headcorn,
who died July 11th 1870,
aged 2 years and 9 months.
"Why weepest thou, fond parents, dry thy tears:
a few more setting suns, or rolling years,
shall bring thee, if in Jesus, to that shore,
where thou shalt meet thy child, to part no more."

Sacred
To The Memory of SARAH
the Wife of JOHN MILLEN
who departed this life Octr. 13th 1874
aged 57 years
of Wissenden Bethersden
leaving issue two daughters and two sons
viz ELIZABETH, SARAH, JOHN & THOMAS
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Rev. xiv

This stone was erected
in 1876
to the memory of
WILLIAM FREEMAN,
of Biddenden whose wish it
was to have his remains
buried here, he was
born March 4th 1880,
died . . . . 18 . .
Also RACHEL, wife of the above
born January 16th 1805,
died April 17th 1873.

In
memory of
SARAH FARRANCE,
of the parish of Frittenden,
who departed this life May 1st 1878,
aged 67 years.
also of RHODA DUREY,
niece of the above,
who departed this life Febr 1st 1872,
aged 13 years.

Sacred
to
the memory of
EDWARD SHILLING,
of Tenterden,
Who departed this life
October 2nd 1853; Aged 64 Years,
Whose remains were interred
at Bethersden in this county.
Also of
CHARLOTTE, his Wife,
Who Died September 11th 1870;
Aged 78 Years.
Whose mortal remains rest here.
And I heard a voice from heaven say-
-ing unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord from henceforth;
Yea; saith the Spirit, that they may rest
from their labours: and their works
do follow them. Rev. xiv. 13.

*At the furthest point from the Chapel, close to the Hedge.*

In Affectionate Remembrance of
GEORGE KINGSNORTH,
of Pluckley, who died January 15th 1884,
aged 54 years.
Also of CHARLOTTE, first wife
of the above, who died December 30th
1873, aged 44 years.
Also of 3 of their children, viz. JOHN,
died December 22nd 1864, aged 3 years.
JOHN WILLIAM BURCH, died January 17th
1870, aged 10 months; and ELIZABETH,
died June 9th 1870, aged 3 years.
Left surviving MARY ANN, his affectionate
widow, also 3 sons and 2 daughters, viz—
GEORGE, FRANK, OLIVER, BETSY ANN,
and CHARLOTTE.

Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES PEARSON
who died at Hadman Place,
in this parish February 2nd
1882, aged 62 years.
leaving a widow and one son
to mourn their loss.
"From grief to bliss from earth to heaven removed,
His memory honoured and his life beloved."

In Memory of
JAMES PEARSON
late of Biddenden,
who died April 16th 1865,
aged 75 years.

also ELIZABETH, his widow,
who died Dec$^{r}$ 6$^{th}$ 1865,
aged 73 years.
The memory of the just is blessed.

In Memory of
ALFRED, youngest son of
JAMES and ELIZABETH
PEARSON of Biddenden,
who departed this life
February 24$^{th}$ 1848, Aged 22
years.
The Lord gave, and the Lord
hath taken away; blessed be
the name of the Lord.

GENERAL BAPTIST, NOW CALLED ZION CHAPEL.

This Chapel formerly known as the "Bell Meeting," had its origin in the separation which took place in 1706, as already mentioned in the account of Tilden Chapel. The building formerly stood upon the site of the present graveyard abutting on the Headcorn road near a spot called "Briar Cottage."

In the minute book belonging to this Chapel reference is made to the Disruption which took place March 170$\frac{5}{6}$, and an entry to the effect that "it was considered that Brother Gilham had been unhandsomely treated, a question being put to him concerning the extent of the Death of Christ, and a positive answer yea or nay insisted upon."

A Sunday School in connection with this meeting was established August 1. 1813, and a relic of the mode of teaching writing at that time is still preserved. This is what might be termed a *Sand Writing Table.* It is of the ordinary height, about five feet in length, and one in width. The top is level, and a ledge surrounds the edge of the desk. One taught to write at this table, thus described the system;

sand was sprinkled over the surface to the depth of about a quarter of an inch, and the writing executed upon the same with a pointed stick.

The name "Zion" as applied to the place of meeting is first found in an address of condolence to the family of Joseph Hosmer, who died at the age of 56, after having been a member of the Church forty-five years, and Deacon eighteen, dated Christmas Day 1837. The sentence which probably suggested the adoption of the name for the New Chapel runs thus:—"The singular goodness of God in answer to prayer so to *visit our Zion*, and revive his blessed work."

At a meeting held Good Friday 1840, it was agreed that a Committee should be formed to forward and superintend the building of a new "Chapel," (used for the first time) in Smarden Town. Signed Thos. Rofe Sen$^{r}$ and others.

On Christmas day 1840 the erection of a new Chapel was again considered. It was the opinion of the meeting, that it might be commenced early in the Spring, and a treasurer and collectors were chosen, with a view to accomplishing this object. The building was opened on the 27$^{th}$ of October 1841. This date appears above the name over the entrance to the Chapel.

Upon Christmas day a meeting was held in "Zion Chapel" to consider the subject of Finance. Thus:—

Expenses of the New General Baptist Chapel, Smarden.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Mr. Hinds for ground .. .. | 12 | 17 | 6 |
| Mr. Otaway for writings .. .. | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| For Materials & Erection .. .. | 793 | 6 | 9½ |
| | £846 | 4 | 3½ |

| These are met by | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Dawson's donation .. .. | 293 | 3 | 4 |
| Collected at opening .. .. | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| Profits on Bazaar .. .. .. | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| From sale of the Old Chapel .. | 27 | 14 | 6 |
| From sale of Staplehurst Chapel with interest .. .. .. | 63 | 15 | 7 |

Leaving a debt of £300 to be paid off as convenient.

Upon some loose sheets in the Minute book are copious notes, but the name of the writer is not given, nor the sources whence they are derived.

Dated 1677. The account of the original of the Church of Spilshil in Staplehurst as collected by Daniel Medhurst one of the Deacons of that Church.

Mr. Francess Cornwell sometime Minister at Marden and Mr. Willson of Otham Ministers in King Charles I time suffered imprisonment, because they could not in conscience conform to wearing the surplice, kneeling at the Communion, the Cross in Baptism, &c. It was the lot of these two ministers to be fellow prisoners at Maidstone.

After the death of Charles I. Oliver Cromwell giving liberty to all to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences; Mr. Cornwell being at liberty, and Church Minister at Marden, who had concealed his sentiments of Infant Baptism, &c., was made coice of to preach at the Visitation at *Cranbrook Church.*" He made his opinion known to Mr. Will Jeffery of Sevenoakes, and was baptised by him, and Mr. Cornwell and Wm. Jeffery concluded that Mr. Cornwell should discover his sentiments, and vindicate the doctrines he had received in his sermon before the Clergy, for which he chose as his text Mark VII. 7. " Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," preached in 1644.

The Clergy having set very uneasy till sermon was ended were for entering into controversy with Mr. Cornwell, their minister, who chused to be excused at that time, and referred them to Jeffery for satisfaction, who was ready to vindicate the doctrine he had preached. The controversy being begun they soon found Wm. Jeffery too hard for them in disputation, which caused Mr. Blackwood of Staplehurst, one of the clergy, to desire his brethren to cease from controversy at that time, for he had taken the sermon in short hand as preached, and would return an answer in print, which he hoped might be to their satisfaction." He, however, upon reflection, became a believer in the doctrines he had undertaken to refute.

Richard Kingsnorth, the first of that name at Spilshill in Staplehurst,* being a Churchman was one of the auditory of Mr. Cornwell, when he preached the sermon aforesaid in Cranbrook, and was convinced of the doctrine, and was baptized by Wm. Jeffery.

There was a meeting set up or a church gathered at Spillshill house in Staplehurst, the ministers which served then were Richard Kingsnorth and Christopher Blackwood before mentioned. Richard Kingsnorth vindicated the doctrine of Universal Redemption, in opposition to the doctrine of Particular or Personal Election, as also the final or absolute perseverance of the saints, as may be seen in the Pearl of Truth found out between two rocks of errors printed in 1670.

Mr. Blackwood maintained Personal Election, and opposed Universal Redemption, which being not accepted by that people, he left that Church under the care of Richard Kingsnorth.

* He acted also as Pastor at Smarden, Frittenden, and Headcorn.

The names of the Elders and Ministers in the Church of Spillshill and Smarden from its original, as Smarden was a party always belonging to Staplehurst.

1. Mr. Christopher Blackwood Minister
2. Richard Kingsnorth 1st Elder
3. Daniel Kingsnorth 2nd ,,
4. Thomas Kingsnorth 3rd Elder went of with the Bittenden party*
5. Richard Kingsnorth 4th Elder son of the said Richard
6. Robert Knight 5th Elder
7. John Austen Minister son of that name
8. Henry Snoad Minister
9. James Kingsnorth son of the said Richard
10. John Austen son of the said Austen
11. Henry Kingsnorth Minister
12. William Jeffery went of with the Bittenden party*
13. Henry Hillyer went of with the Bittenden party
14. Thomas Gillham 6th Elder
15. Edward Fetherstone, Minister
16. John Bayley Minister
17. Vincent Jennings 7th elder, went back
18. John Eatmeat Elder ordained after the separation with Mr. Haffenden
19. Thomas Kingsnorth son of James
20. Daniel Kingsnorth 8th Elder
21. George Kenhelm 9th Elder (died 28 April 1751)
22. John Austen 10th Elder son to the said John
23. Daniel Dawson Elder of the Church of Canterbury
24. John Dawson
25. Robert Pyall elder of a Church at Dover
26. Joseph Pyall went of to Canterbury
27. Daniel Hosmer Minister
28. Sam: Pyall
29. Matthew Vane 11th Elder
30. John Pyall Minister
31. Isaac Moot went down into Sussex
32. Daniel Austen, Elder of a Church at Portsmouth
33. Ambrose Austen went down into Sussex
34. Joseph Sexton 12th Elder went of to Chatham
35. John Merrall 13th Elder. Staplehurst

* These were tinged with Arian or Socinian views.

36. Edward Merrall afterwards Elder of a Church at Bessels Green
37. Ambrose Austen went to Dorsetshire
38. Jacob Dobell 14th Elder. Staplehurst
39. Dan. Hosmer 15th Elder
40. Benjamin Austen 16th Elder, Smarden, who afterwards withdrew, and preached in a Licensed House near Smarden Town
41. Thos. Rofe Minister. 17th Elder ordained Elder June 8. 1827

[Several of the above were ministers of both the Smarden Chapels as, R. Kingsnorth, R. Knight, T. Gilham, J. Edmett, or Eatmeat. See page 164.]

## NONCONFORMITY.

Mr. Tarbutt has furnished the following article:—It is well to note the advantage the Nonconformists in the Weald of Kent derived by securing to themselves the benefit of the King's Licence. For the next 15 years, or until the Toleration Act was passed in 1688, they were protected from annoyance by obnoxious persons, called Informers. Their occupation was by it nearly destroyed except in regard to the Quakers, who do not appear to have applied for this privilege, and their meetings were often disturbed during those fifteen years.*

In 1672 many nonconformists were released from various prisons in the Kingdom, no less than ten from Maidstone Gaol.

From the fact that so many persons and places in the Weald of Kent availed themselves of the King's Indulgence granted to the Nonconformists on the 15th of March 1672: it would appear they were not so reluctant to avail themselves of liberty as were some of their brethren in other parts of the kingdom. It may be also observed that the majority of the members of the House of Commons, were highly offended that the King should exercise his Royal authority without their sanction and approval. They considered some sinister end influenced him, hence when Parliament met on the 19 of Feby. 1673, they politely informed His Majesty that he must suspend this assumed power of his royal will, or they would refuse the vote for the supplies he urgently wanted.†

[* Besse on Sufferings of the Quakers 2 Vols. folio 1753.]

[† See Rapin's History of England Vol 13 and 14: 8vo. Edition 1730.]

By the King's declaration, It was his Royal will and pleasure that from time to time he would allow a sufficient number of places and persons to be licensed, as shall be desired in all parts of his kingdom for such as do not conform to the Church of England to meet and assemble, in order to their public worship and devotion. Many Nonconformists however manifested an unwillingness to accept of this Liberty, as they did not deem it a lawful grant—for instance Alderman Love for many years M.P. for the City of London joined with the majority of the House of Commons against the King's Act, and when one of the Court members remarked to him in the House of Commons that he was surprised seeing he—Alderman Love was a dissenter—Yes, replied the Alderman "I am a dissenter and thereby unhappily Obnoxious to the Law; and if you Catch me in the Corn, you may put me in the Pound. The law against dissenters, I should be glad to see repealed by the same authority that made it; but while it is Law, the king cannot repeal it by Proclamation; And I had much rather see the dissenters suffer the rigour of the law, though I suffer with them, than see the laws of England trampled under the foot of the Prerogative, as in this example; And I hope the dissenters understand their liberty as Englishmen better than accept it in an illegal manner." (see Walter Wilson Life and Times of De Foe. Vol 1—Page 59)

For further particulars relating the History of Nonconformity as represented at these Chapels see Ivemey and Crosby's History of the Particular Baptists: Taylor's History of the General Baptists; and Daniel Neal's History of the Puritans.

## THE BIDDENDEN PARTY.

After the seperation from the Church of England as herein stated the dissenters formed connections in the various Parishes in the weald more or less secure until 1672. The first division among themselves was about Election and final perseverance and Universal Redemption this dispute led to the two denominational bodies at Smarden and other places. The next dispute was with the General or Universal Redemptionists about the Divinity of Christ and those who were opposed to that doctrine first formed themselves into a company at Biddenden, and the seed sown there soon spread to Headcorn, Maidstone and Tenterden &c. &c. A Matthew Caffin of Horsham in Sussex is said to be the author of Modern Unitarianism in these parts.

William Bedford, Rector, when making his returns to the Archbishop 26 June 1758. (Lambeth Library M.S. 1134. Vol. iv. f. 216.) states there was no papist nor quaker in the Parish, but 43 Families of Anabaptists, all farmers, mechanics, and labourers, except two Apothecaries; of these 27 are called general Anabaptists, and 16 particular ones, (who style themselves the elect) each of these sects

have a meeting house in the Parish, both which are duly licensed, as also their teachers (as they assure me) whose names are as follows—Thos Birch, Teacher of the Particular Anabaptists, and John Birch assistant. Matthew Vane Teacher of the General, and Dan. Husmar assistant.

## SPIER'S ASH BURYING-GROUND.

This Graveyard situate on the Headcorn Road, about half a mile north west of the Town, was formerly the site of a Meeting-House for the Unitarian Baptists.

In a book belonging to Zion are minutes to the following effect:—"General Baptist Meeting at Smarden at their Meeting House in Smarden, Nov. 7. 1749 it was determined to purchase of Daniel Hosmer, a sufficient parcel of ground, behind the Meeting house, in order to bury such of our dead in, as shall be willing and desirous to lye therein." Nine Rods of land were accordingly bought by the General Baptists meeting in Smarden and Staplehurst, December 25. 1750, for one pound two shillings, the Vendor securing to himself the right of pasturage. The burying ground was further enlarged in 1796, when Benjamin Hosmer sold nine Rods, upon the 7th of May in that year, for one Guinea and a half, reserving the same rights as the previous vendor.

When the old Bell Meeting was removed in 1841, the materials were employed in the erection of the new Chapel in the Town.

The Burying ground contains thirty-two monuments, and is still available for interments.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

### AT THE FURTHER END OF THE GROUND.

In Memory
of Eliz$^{th}$ the truly affectionate Wife of
Tho$^{s}$ Dawson who died Sep 23$^{d}$ 1765
Aged 35 Years.
Left Issue two Sons (viz) Tho$^{s}$ Mercer
and Daniel
Daniel since here Interr'd.
also the above Tho$^{s}$ Dawson
died Feb$^{y}$ the 7$^{th}$ 1822,
Aged 89 Years.

*Thick stone with carved side face portrait.*

DANIEL AUSTEN
Late Maltster of this Parish
Died March 8th 1794 Aged 89 Years.
and is Buried at the
Countes of Huntingdons Chapel
Near Tunbridge Wells.

In Memory of
MARY, wife of DANIEL AUSTEN,
of this Parish Maltster who departed
this Life November the 27th 1760
in the 49 Year of her age.
She left Issue four Children that . . .
SARAH, MARY, JOHN and ANN.

In Memory
of
WILLIAM READ,
who died Febr 6th 1844,
aged 37 years.
also ELIZABETH,
his daughter,
who died April 29th 1852,
aged 19 years.
also ESTHER,
his daughter,
who died Decr 23rd 1843,
aged 11 months.
he left surviving 1 son and
3 daughters, viz. JAMES HOSMER
JANE, SARAH ANN and EMILY.

In Memory of
BENJAMIN HOSMER,
who died the 5th of March 1804.
Aged 76 Years.
Also of ELIZABETH, his Wife,
who died the 26th of May 1799,
Aged 65 Years.
Left Issue Two Sons, & Two Daughters,
(viz) DANIEL, JOSEPH, ELIZABETH,
and ELEANOR.
Watch! for ye know not what Hour your
Lord doth come.

In Memory
of
JOSEPH HOSMER,
of Headcorn,
who departed this Life
December 15th 1837, Aged 65 Years.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.
Our friend is gone before
To that celestial shore:
He hath left his mates behind,
He hath all the storms outrode!
Found the rest we toil to find.
Landed in the arms of God.
also ANN his Wife,
who died Feby 4th 1853.
Aged 77 Years.
Left Issue Two Sons & Seven Daug.
(viz) JOHN, JAMES, SARAH, MARY
CHARLOTTE, ANN, ELIZABETH
JANE, and MARTHA.

In Memory
of
EMMA HARRIET ANDERSON
Daughter of EDWARD and
EMMA ANDERSON, who died
March 4th 1856 Aged 1 year
9 Months. Also WILLIAM
ANDERSON, son of the above
who Died June 27th 1857
Aged 5 Months.

In memory of
SARAH, Wife of
DANIEL HOSMER,
of this Parish,
who died the 27th of May 1817
Aged 43 Years.
Also the above DANIEL HOSMER,
died Febr 11th 1827, Aged 56 Years.
He was a Worthy Elder of this Church
for 20 Years.

In Memory of
SARAH, Wife of
JOHN THORPE, of this Parish,
who died the 3rd of May 1811.
Aged 72 Years.
Left Issue One Son, & Two Daughters
(viz) JOHN, SARAH, & ANN.
All you that view my Grave prepare to follow me
in hope to rise among the Just.
Also the above JOHN THORPE died
July 1st 1828. Aged 82 Years.

Erected
to the memory of
THOMAS ANDERSON,
plumber of this parish, who
died 18 aged years
also MARY-ANN, second wife
of the above, who died
July 12th 1838, aged 47 years.
also WILLIAM, their son,
who died at Pluckley Febr 8th
1843, aged 29 years.
left issue 3 sons,
and 2 daughters (viz) Thos
EDWARD, ALFRED, MARY-ANN
and ANN-MARIA.
also ELIZABETH his third wife
who died April 19th 1864,
aged 57 years.

In Memory of
ANN Wife of BENJAMIN AUSTEN,
of this Parish;
who died the 27th of August 1804,
Aged 30 Years.

Stop, Mortals, you must shortly die;
Consider now, your end,
Prepare to rise above the sky,
When Jesus shall descend,
To Earth, to call the righteous home,
When all shall hear his voice,
And every sinner meet his doom,
Love God and you'll rejoice.

also, the above BENJAMIN AUSTEN
who died the 13th of Sept 1859
Aged 84 Years.

*Within iron railings.*

Erected
to the Memory of
JAMES DAWSON of this Parish,
who died February 3rd 1843,
Aged 71 Years.
likewise
SUSAN, Wife of JAMES DAWSON,
of this Parish, who died July 6th
1805, Aged 35 Years.
Also of ELIZABETH DAWSON,
who died June 21st 1831,
Aged 52 Years.

In Memory
of
THOMAS HUNTLEY
of this parish
who died Novr. 22nd 1841
aged 46 years.
also SARAH, his wife
who died Octr. 24th 1860
aged 72 years.
left issue 2 daughters
viz, CHARLOTTE & ELIZABETH,
also THOMAS
who died in his infancy.

*Long wooden Memorial.*

WILLIAM BURBIDGE died 5th August 1840,
Aged 67 Years.

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MARY BURBIDGE, died June 4th 1819,
Aged 39 Years.

In Memory
of MATTHEW VANE, an Esteemed
usefull and worthy Minister and Elder
of this Church who died June 6th 1763
Aged 48 Years.
Left Issue one Son and one Daughr (viz)
JAMES and SARAH.
In Life let us all prepare for Death
Life how short Eternity how long.
Also of SARAH his Wife who died Decr 19th
1803, Aged 80 Years.
Also SARAH VANE, Daughter of
the above died Novr 4th 1833. Aged 80 Years.

In
memory of
WILLIAM CHILDREN
draper, Rye Sussex,
beloved son of WILLIAM
and MARY CHILDREN
of Smarden,
died Decr 8th 1877,
aged 31 years.

In
memory of
WILLIAM CHILDREN
Farmer, Smarden,
died August 13th 1853,
aged 40 years.
leaving a widow two sons
and one daughter SARAH-ANN,
WILLIAM and FRANK.

Sacred
to the memory of
WILLIAM CHILDREN
who died April 10. 1853
aged 65 years.
also ABIGAIL, wife of the above
who died Novr. 30th 1853
aged 65 years
had issue 2 sons and 6 daughters
WILLIAM died Augst. 13th 1853 aged 40 years
LYDIA died Sepr 5th 1853 aged 29 years
ESTER died July 25th 1858 aged 28 years
JOHN died 1822 aged 6 months
ELIZABETH died 1831 aged 21 years
JANE died May 27th 1843 aged 25 years
MARY-ANN died March 28th 1849 aged 29 years
ANN died March 25th 1865 aged 49 years

In
memory of
WILLIAM SEELEY
farmer, Smarden,
died Decr. 29th 1833,
aged 52 years.
also
MARY, his wife
died Septr. 28th 1865,
aged 80 years.
leaving two daughters,
MARY and MARGARET.

In Memory of
ISAAC BEKEN
who departed this life April 15th
1864, aged 75 years.
also HANNAH his wife,
who departed this life February 4th
1864, aged 76 years.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose
again. even so them also which sleep in
Jesus will God bring with him. 1st Thess 4 c., 14 v.

*Two coffin shaped stones.*

Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES UNICUME,
of the parish of
Headcorn, who departed
this life Novr 20th 1854,
aged 40 years.
left surviving
a widow,
and issue three sons,
(viz) JAMES, THOMAS,
and SAMUEL.

Sacred
to the memory of
SAMUEL and JAMES
UNICUME the beloved
sons of JAMES, and
MARTHA UNICUME
of Headcorne,

SAMUEL died June
27th 1856 aged 3 years.
JAMES died February
4th 1860, aged 12 years.

In
Memory of
JOHN WOOD,
of this parish
who died Sept. 18th 1851,
aged 62 years.
also PHOEBE his wife,
who died Jan. 1st 1847,
aged 56 years.
left issue 4 children,
(viz) SARAH, PHOEBE,
MARY, and JANE.

Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES HOSMER
of Headcorn Place
who departed this life Feb. 8th 1870
aged 58 years.
Called quickly to his fathers house above
there were no farewells to his loved ones given
but there are welcomes for them all in store
when they shall meet with him to part no more

In Memory of
ELIZABETH,
daughter of
JAMES & SARAH HOSMER
of Headcorn,
who died April 23rd 1851,
aged 17 years.
also GABRIEL, son of the
above, who died Febr 4th 1856
aged 3 years & 8 months.
also JABEZ, son of the
above who died March 20th
1859 aged 4 years.
likewise RHODA daughter
of the above who died June
2nd 1869 aged 26 years.

In
memory of
HERBERT,
son of CALEB and
MARY HOSMER
died Febry 16th 1876,
aged 4 years and
2 months.

In
Loving
Memory
of
MARK BOORMAN
who died at Benenden Janry 15th
1880, aged 41 years.
leaving a widow and 7 children.

also of
MARK, son of the above
who died Jan.ʸ 17th 1880,
aged 2 years and 5 months.
"Be ye also ready."
also of
HARRIETT, daughter of the
above, who died March 26th 1880,
aged 9 months.
"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Sacred
to the memory of
MARY-FOWELE ROFE
the beloved wife of the
Revd THOMAS ROFE, of Headcorn
who died in peace Septr 15th 1846
aged 60 years.
also of the above
Revd THOMAS ROFE
who died July 3rd 1879,
aged 91 years.

*Coped Stone.*

Sacred to the Memory of ANN, the beloved wife
of WILLIAM HARVEY, of Hawkhurst in this County,
and youngest Daughter of the Revd THOMAS ROFE, of Headcorn,
was Born April 12th 1826, and Died April 12th 1853,
leaving Issue 2 Daughters viz. MARY & ANNE, also of ANNE, Born Febr 6th
and Died Sepr 26th 1853.

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Also of MARY, Born June 21st 1851, Died August 5th 1864, not lost but gone before.

In
memory of
ALBERT, son of
THOMAS & MARY ROFE
late of Headcorn,
who died Sept.r 2.nd 1829,
aged 9 weeks.
also MARY, their daughter
who died April 9.th 1840,
aged 24 years.
also WILLIAM-WYMARK,
their son who died Jan.y 1.st
1845 aged 20 years.

*Double headed stone.*

In
memory of
GEORGE KENHELMN
of this parish,
who died April
the 28.th in 1751
aged 66 years
he left issue
two daughters
MARY and DINAH

also
ELIZABETH,
his Wife,
She died 14.th Oct.r
1767,
aged 75 years

N.B. he was Elder of the Church of General Baptist (Meeting in Smarden and Stapleherst 33 Years Which Office he discharged with very Great Faithfulness and Success

In Memory of
MARY-ANN-LUPTON,
the beloved wife of
LEWIS MILLS
died July 8.th 1871,
aged 58 years.

R + G
July 23rd
1870

Sacred
to the memory of
JULIANA-ESTHER-JANE
the affectionate daughter of
GEORGE and ANN BIRT
who died August 21st 1869,
aged 7 years.

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.
Luke 18, 16.

## THE OFFEN BURYING GROUND.

This private burying ground near "Harman Farm," on the Headcorn Road, had its origin in some misunderstanding with the Rector for the time being. Mr. Essex Offen, of Marley Farm (grandfather of John T. Offen, of Munk Farm), had lost a son named John, whom he buried in the graveyard belonging to the Nonconformists, not far distant. About a year afterwards he enclosed a small plot of ground, whither he re-interred his son's remains. Since that period the Offen Family have selected this spot as their place of interment, inviting some Dissenting Minister to conduct a service. There are five stones in this Graveyard.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN A MEADOW.

In
memory of
BENJAMIN OFFEN,
died Dec$^{r}$ 18$^{th}$ 1875;
aged 74 years.
leaving a widow named SARAH, one son,
one daughter, namely EDWIN & ESTHER
also ALFRED OFFEN,
died March 3$^{rd}$ 1850;
aged 3 years 4 Months.

Sacred
(This Stone was erected
as a mark of respect
by S. B. CURTEIS,)
to the memory of
WILKINS OFFINS,
who died March 31$^{st}$ 1867,
Aged 49 Years.

Why do we mourn departing Friends
Or shake at Death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his Arms.

To the Memory
of
JOHN Son of ESSEX
and SARY OFFEN,
of this Parish;
who died July the 11$^{th}$
1820, Aged 17 Years.

Job Chap. 14$^{th}$ Verses 1 & 2
Man that is born of a woman
is of few days and full of trouble
He cometh forth like a flower
and is cut down, he fleeth also
as a shadow, and continueth not

Also J. T. WETHERDEN
died 19 January 1830
aged 2... Years.

In memory of
ESSEX OFFEN, of this Parish
Yeoman, who died 8th Feby 1833,
Aged 62 Years.
also SARAH his Wife who died,
5th Janr 1860, Aged 79 Years.
Left Issue, 8 Children (viz)
ESSEX, BENJAMIN, WILLIAM,
MARGARET, THOMAS, JAMES,
WILKINS, and EDWIN:

Farewell my wife & Children dear,
I must be gone, and leave you Here,
Here I lie, free from all Pain,
Till Christ, shall raise me up again.

In
memory of
WILLIAM OFFEN WITHERDEN,
who died Decr 10th 1851,
aged 23 years.

When blooming youth & health is mostly brave,
Death plucks up and plants us in the Grave
Take care young men your precious time to spend
Your lives are short and quickly at an End.

Also
BENJAMIN OFFEN WITHERDEN,
who died Febr 1st 1831,
aged 3 months.

## THE SANDERS BURYING GROUND.

In that part of the Parish, known as Obden, there is a second private burying-ground, belonging to the Family of Sanders. This graveyard contains four stones. The enclosure is hedged round, and

thus separated from the adjoining hop garden. When interments take place some Dissenting Minister is invited to officiate. The ground does not belong to any particular Denomination, but is intended only for the members of the family above named. Certain religious differences between the late Thomas Sanders, and the minister of the old Chapel were the origin of the graveyard.

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN A HOP GARDEN.

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN,
Wife of JOB SANDERS,
who died May 25th 1848,
Aged 28 Years.
Also the above JOB SANDERS,
who died Decr 6th 1859
Aged 43 Years.
Leaving a Widow. Left Issue by
his first Wife 3 Sons and 1 Daughter
(viz) THOMAS, JOB, ANN, and SILAS,
ANN died May 5th 1860,
Aged 16 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
LUCY
the beloved wife of
SAMUEL CORKE,
of this parish,
who sweetly fell asleep in Jesus
on the 22nd November 1868,
aged 23 years.
also of her three innocent babes
two of which died in October 1867,
and MARY-ISABELLA died
November 19th 1868, aged 11 days.
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Rev. 14 c., 13 v.

Erected
to the memory of
ELIZ$^{H}$. wife of THO$^{S}$. SANDERS,
of this parish;
who died March 28$^{th}$ 1841,
aged 24 years
left issue 1 daughter, ELIZABETH
also MARY daughter of the above
who died Nov$^{r}$. 21$^{st}$ 1850,
aged 7 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS SANDERS,
of this parish;
died March 11$^{th}$ 1859,
aged 73.
also SARAH. his wife
died Dec. 26$^{th}$ 1859.
aged 72.

## FOLK LORE.

Smarden is not barren in folk lore. Several interesting facts and amusing tales, which have been handed down by tradition, are well worth preserving.

### SMUGGLING.

That smuggling, in olden times, was carried on to a large extent in the Weald of Kent, is a fact so well known, that little need be said upon the subject. But as regards Smarden, there is a popular story, that at the beginning of the century, a mounted band halted at the Chequers Inn to refresh both man and beast. As there was insufficient stable accommodation, the horses were tethered beneath the Penthouse. Whilst the party were feasting and enjoying themselves, they were

surprised by an officer of the excise, who, in the King's name, demanded the surrender of the troop. Whereupon the Captain signalled to his men to saddle up, and prepare to advance. This order was promptly obeyed, and when all were ready to start, the chief drew a pistol from his belt, and presented it at the head of the exciseman. The official deeming discretion the better part of valour retired, and the troop having got clear away, their captain, putting spurs to his horse, speedily joined them at full gallop.

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Smuggling continued to a certain extent till quite a recent period. Many remember an old lady, commonly called "the Smuggler," who evaded the law in regard to spirits. She was a well known character, and might have been recognised by a peculiar limp, as she trudged along with a small basket over her arm. Her trade was mostly in brandy, which she retailed to private customers, the profits consisting chiefly in the evasion of duty.

The following well authenticated tale, bearing upon smuggling, indicates that such unlawful traffic existed as late as 1854, though in this instance the hero of our tale fell a victim to a hoax.

A village worthy named J.m.s H.m.w. .d, popularly known as old Jemmy Brusher, (by reason of his perseverance in business,) was the owner and occupier of Munk Farm. He belonged to the old yeoman class, and commonly wore a white smock, or round frock. Brusher was an inveterate smoker, and was never seen without a pipe, which, when not in his mouth, he wore in the band of his hat. As a farmer he frequently had occasion to ride to Ashford, mounted on a favorite gray horse named "Jack." One day whilst on the market, two men accosted him in a confidential manner, and enquired if he knew what to do with a few tons of tobacco, at the same time suggesting that the transaction should be kept dark, as the goods were smuggled, and were then on board a small vessel, lying off the Romney coast. About two pounds of the tobacco were produced as a sample, which was

tried and pronounced excellent. The merchants said they wanted some money to work their goods ashore, a contract therefore was made between the parties, that upon Brusher paying down forty pounds as an instalment, they would undertake on their part, to deliver at Munk Farm on a certain night, between 11 and 1 o'clock, this consignment of tobacco. The smugglers stated that they had other goods on board, as a tiger skin, and a monkey, which had arrived with the cargo from abroad. The skin Jemmy said he should like, but Jumbo, the monkey, he declined with an oath. To make their story appear good; the merchantmen affirmed that their only fear, was lest an old black man on board should betray them, so they said in an under tone, they would throw him over board, but our hero over-hearing their conversation exclaimed, " doan do nothin o' that, Mate, else I'd rather be out o'nt :" so they promised to do no violence. The bargain was struck, the forty pounds were paid down in hard cash, and the arrangement made, that a given sum should be ready, upon the delivery of the tobacco. Thus they parted, and upon his return home, Jemmy told some of his friends what a bargain he had made. Upon the pre-arranged night, having withdrawn from his bankers the stipulated sum, that all might be in readiness, Brusher invited four intimate friends to have a game of cards, and assist when the cargo arrived. None but this select party were privy to the enterprise. A discussion was held as to where the tobacco was to be stowed away, and upon one of the party enquiring how much was expected, he was told ten tons, or two four-horse waggon loads. It was finally decided that it should be placed at Harman house. Card playing continued till the expected hour arrived. Jemmy's son was then told to go and listen, but returned with an unsatisfactory answer. So Jemmy said "let me go," and as he strained his ears in the stillness of the night, he heard in the distance the unmistakable sounds of a waggon heavily laden. The hopes of the guests were now raised, but it was soon observed that the sound was dying away. The party then listened in turn, till the fire died out, all grew weary, and Jemmy somewhat wrath. They now began to fathom the mystery, it was a

sharp game on the part of the pretended smugglers, who had probably taken stock of our hero; before that day when he parted with his £40. Instead of expectation, alarm now filled the minds of all concerned, and they feared that as their host had about £150 in hard cash in the house, in payment for the Tobacco, that there might be a deep plot on the part of the smugglers, to come and plunder them. Accordingly doors were bolted, and windows barricaded, and the rest of the night was spent in a state of nervous apprehension, lest robbers should arrive. They endeavoured to while away the time with cards; Jemmy's thoughts were too much pre-occupied at the non-arrival of the tobacco, and expected visit of a band of armed men, that though an experienced hand, he was unable to mind his play. During a pause therefore, Tom. Offen said "Go on Jumbo," referring to the monkey, a name which our hero never lost.

At length daylight dawned, but neither the Tobacco, the £40, nor the smugglers ever appeared.

Upon reflection old Brusher must have felt, that that forty pounds had been well invested, because with it he had purchased the experience, that "honesty is the best policy."

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## HAUNTED HOUSE.

There was much superstition formerly in regard to haunted houses, and in this respect Smarden was not wanting: for a dwelling, known as Perrin Farm, in the occupation of old Jemmy Spicer, had the reputation of being haunted. None could gainsay, that strange noises were heard usually at twelve o'clock, if at no other time. One night old Spicer's sons, two fine stalwart fellows, called their father up, as they were confident that something was wrong, most unaccountable sounds being distinctly audible. They listened, and arrived at the conclusion that robbers were in the house. All accordingly armed themselves with the best weapons they could find, and it was agreed that old Jemmy should go first, and his two sons, John and William,

follow with a light, and all then manfully unite in expelling the intruders, and protecting their property. The party quietly descended the stairs, but finding no one either in the wash-house or kitchen, concluded that the parlour was where the depredators were assembled. All held their breath, as they listened to the ghastly sounds within, but the time for action had arrived, and at all peril, the intruders must be forcibly ejected. The plan was hastily determined for old Jemmy to suddenly enter, and then all three to fearlessly do battle.

The door was accordingly burst open, when a dark form opposed itself. It was plainly observed by all; whereupon the brave old man, crying aloud "I've got ye," heroically wielded his weapon, and dealt the intruder a deadly blow. Who, or what had he struck? His own shadow, thrown upon the opposite wall by the lantern, held by his sons in the rear. At this moment, the uproar disturbed a large number of rats, which made good their escape; and thus furnished a matter of fact explanation, why the house in question, had the reputation of having been haunted.

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## WITCHCRAFT.

The ancient popular belief in witchcraft lingered in our town till quite recently. There was a Smarden worthy, popularly known as "old witch Parks." It is solemnly affirmed that Mrs. Law, some time landlady of the Chequers; upon one occasion failed in her efforts to make butter, though she had laboured for an unusual time. Hence it was believed to be bewitched, whereupon Dame Parks seized a red hot poker, and thrust it into the Churn, with the instant result that butter was produced. An effectual remedy against witches, credited at Smarden, was that one could not enter a house, if a knife were placed under the door sill; and it was likewise believed that they were prevented, by some higher power, from attacking the first born of a family. There was a general belief that witches were not so heavy as a Church Bible; and to test the truth of this, Mr. Essex Offen, of Marley Farm, once offered witch Parks a guinea, to be weighed in the balances with the

sacred Volume. The challenge however was unfortunately declined. These stories may possibly provoke smiles, but relics of superstition still survive in the neighbourhood: it is no uncommon thing to see horseshoes, owls, hawks, &c., nailed on doors. This was one Roman method of preventing witchcraft.

Akin to this subject, several charms were at one time accredited, thus a piece of tar yarn worn as a Garter, would prevent the cramp; another antidote, was for the wearer, at night, to place his shoes, soles upwards, till morning. Thistle apples placed in the purse would prevent toothache; and a nutmeg, carried in the same way, was a safeguard against an internal disorder.

Popular sayings were at one time current; as when the Fire roars, it is a sign of a Row.

When it burns without blowing, you'll have company without knowing.

If you mend your clothes on your Back, you will live to lack.

If the hair on your head forms two Crowns, you are supposed to eat your bread in two Nations.

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## BADGER BAITING.

About eighty years ago, when the Parish was more densely wooded, the hedgerows, and banks of the Beult, furnished ample cover for the badgers, otters, foxes, martens, and other wild animals, which have since been almost exterminated as vermin. A favorite sport indulged in by our forefathers, was that of Badger-baiting. The spot chosen for the purpose was a waste piece of land, from between twenty to thirty acres, which has since been enclosed, near Smarden Bell. Such meetings, having been previously made known to the sporting and betting community, the mode of procedure was to bring a Badger to the scene. A hole was then dug in a bank, or a barrel, with one end out, was placed upon the ground.

Wagers were laid upon the dog bold and good enough to face, and bring out the Badger. Comparatively few were equal to the task, under such disadvantages, and a dog once bitten by the sharp tooth of a badger, would seldom face him a second time. The owner of the dog which proved itself master of the Badger, was the winner of the stakes.

Upon one occasion a gentleman laid a wager that his dog would draw the Badger. He won, though somewhat unfairly, by placing his favorite with his hind quarters towards the hole, whereupon the badger, taking advantage of the position, fastened on the poor dog, which bolted at full speed, followed by his merciless enemy. This old sport suggested the verb to "badger," in the sense of hunting and persecuting any one.

## PARISH CLERK AS TOWN CRIER.

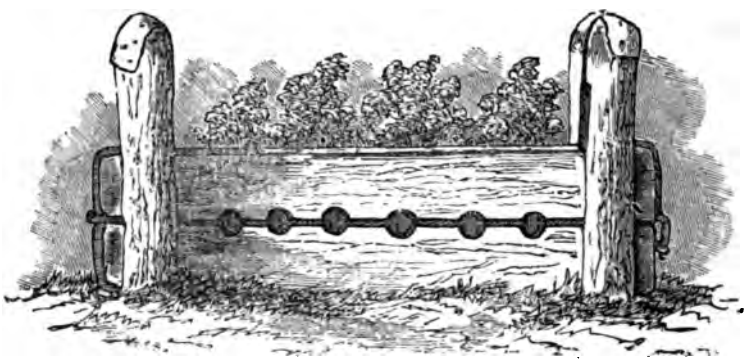
Within the recollection of persons now living, a curious custom prevailed in our Town, that of crying lost property on Sundays. If any one in the parish had any cattle astray, or if any meat was to be sold cheap, it was usual for the owner, or vendor, as the case might be, to give notice to the clerk before the time of divine service.

When the congregation was about to disperse, this official would quit the Church, and mount a tombstone close to the South Porch, and thrice repeat, "O, yes" (Oyez, French for Hear ye!) as an ordinary town crier, and announce what he had to publish.

## THE OLD CAGE.

Before the days of policemen, a tramp stole a loaf of bread from a baker's shop, for which he was taken into custody by the Parish Constable, and safely lodged in the wooden lock-up, which many still remember. This circumstance was related in the tap of the Chequers, where a certain amount of sympathy was felt by the company there assembled. The man's starving condition was described, but as he

had been placed under arrest, there appeared no other alternative, but to take the poor caged bird next morning, before the magistrates at Ashford. One of the guests suggested that the landlord should take the key from the gaping pocket of the constable. A bright idea, and West hastened off and enquired of the prisoner, through the bars, if he would like to escape, telling him he had devised some means of his doing so, if he would promise to go right away. Receiving this assurance, the door was unbarred, and the thief fled at full speed over the Town Bridge, and it is believed never again visited Smarden. This circumstance illustrates the administration of the law a few years ago. The old cage still exists, being employed as a corn shed, at Munk Farm.



THE STOCKS FORMERLY BENEATH THE PENTHOUSE.

As no drawing of the old stocks is known to exist, the above wood-cut furnishes a representation of those formerly existing beneath the Pent-house, between this and the adjoining building. The date of their erection is unknown. They were removed in 1864.

The Churchwardens Books contain this entry:—

1626. To widdow Hopper for the Pillory, £1 1s. 4d.

## VAGRANT'S PASS.

In our Parochial Records entries frequently occur of money being given to certain individuals with Passes. One of these Documents appears as a specimen.

KENT. To all Constables & Bosholders, etc.

1677. William Taylor, a sturdy vagrant beggar, tall of stature, long brown hair, and lame of one leg, aged about 30 years or upwards, was this 11th day of December, in the 29 year of the raigne of our Souvaigne Lord King Charles the Second, was openly whipped at Stasfield in the said county (according to the law) for a wandering rogue, and is assigned forthwith, to pass from parish to parish by the officers thereof, the next straight way to Smarden, in the said county where (as he confesseth he was borne) and he is limited to be at Smarden, as aforesaid, whin fower days now next ensuing at his will, dated at Otterden the day & year aforesaid Anno dni 1677.

Thomas Filmer Churchwarden of Stallisfeild.

The marke of H Henry Jackson overseer of the poor of Stallisfield.

George Curteis (LS)
Roger Payne (LS)

## THE MANOR HOUSE.

The Manor House of the Manor of the Denn of Smarden, now called Ash Farm, deserves notice. As constructed originally it had no chimney, the only fire place was in the centre of the Hall, and the smoke issued through a louvre, or aperture in the roof. This discovery was made a few years ago, when extensive alterations were effected. The chimnies are all about the date of 1600, or a little later, when the Hall was cut in two transversely by a floor, making it into a lower and upper story. The ceiling, and other moulded woodwork about the house merits attention. Near the house is the Manor Pound, now converted into a Pigsty.

This Manor was purchased in the year 1689 by Robert Sayer, Standard bearer to the band of gentlemen Pensioners. He died 1700, having devised his estates to his Brother George Sayer, of Pett Place, Charing.

The Manor is what is called a Heriotable Manor, and on the death of any tenant who has stock, the Lord is entitled to claim his best beast as a Heriot.

Subjoined is a list of the Lords of the Manor of the Denn of Smarden, taken from the Court Rolls now Extant [1885.]

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| William Frend .. .. .. .. .. | 1475. |
| Henry Edyatt .. .. .. .. .. | 1515. |
| John Wolton .. .. .. .. .. | 1554. |
| John Wolton & John Newenden .. .. | 1567. |
| John Newenden .. .. .. .. | 1583. |
| Edward Newenden .. .. .. .. | 1619. |
| James Newenden (Son of Ed.) .. .. | 1637. |
| Elizabeth Newenden (widow) .. .. .. | 1674. |
| Richard Newenden (S. of Jas.) .. .. | 1684. |
| Robert Sayer (no Court) purchased Manor .. | 1689. |
| George Sayer (brother of Robert) .. .. | 1702. |
| Frances Sayer (widow of George) .. .. | 1718. |
| Geo. Sayer (Son of Geo. and Frances) [no Court] | 1731. |
| George Sayer (son of above) .. .. .. | 1741. |
| Revd. George Sayer (Son of above) .. .. | 1782. |
| George Edward Sayer (Son of above) .. | 1821. |
| Charlotte Sayer, his Sister (no Court) [succeeded] | 1871 |
| John Sayer (present Lord) .. .. .. | 1877. |

Except when otherwise mentioned the above dates indicate when each successive Lord first held a Court. These Courts are held occasionally, (sometimes only once in six years,) to receive the quit rents, the presentments of the death of tenants of the Manor, of changes of ownership, &c.

The title deeds belonging to the Manor, or Denn of Smarden, range from the time of Henry VI to the conveyance by James Newenden of Smarden, Clothier, and Richard Newenden, to Robert Sayer in 1689, and downwards to the present time.

In an ancient Court Roll, but without date, is the name "Spyer," after whom probably the Graveyard was so called.

The present Lord of the Manor is John Sayer, of Pett Place, Charing, who pronounces the Pedigree of his Family as given by Berry, both fragmentary and inaccurate.

This Genealogy is entered in the College of Arms, and has been courteously supplied by Mr. Sayer for this work.

# PAROCHIAL RECORDS.

| PARISH REGISTERS. | CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS. | OVERSEERS' BOOKS. | SURVEYORS' ACCOUNTS. | CLOTHES BOOK. | VESTRY ORDERS. | TURNER CHARITY. | SMARDEN LEDGER. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. 1632—1750 | 1536—1603 | 1629—1654 | 1764—1808 | 1819—1823 | 1744—1813 | Relating to | 1833—1835 |
| Baptisms. | 1604—1635 | 1654—1675 | 1808—1837 | 1823—1825 | missing | coats and | |
| Marriages. | .... .... | 1675—1690 | | 1825—1828 | 1821—1827 | wheat. | |
| Burials. | missing | 1690—1703 | | | 1828—1832 | | |
| II. 1750—1812 | 1701—1739 | missing | | | 1832— | 1687—1711 | |
| Baptisms. | .... .... | 1714—1730 | | | Present time. | 1712—1856† | |
| Burials. | 1786—1828 | *1730—1749 | | | | | |
| III. 1754—1812 | 1829—Present | 1749—1765 | | | | | |
| Marriages. | | 1765—1778 | | | | | |
| 1754—1822 | | 1779—1793 | | | | | |
| Banns. | | 1793—1803 | | | | | |
| IV. 1813—1841 | | .... .... | | | | | |
| Baptisms. | | 1811—1818 | | | | | |
| V. 1813—1837 | | 1818—1823 | | | | | |
| Marriages. | | 1823—1826 | | | | | |
| VI. 1837— | | 1826—1832 | | | | | |
| Marriages. | | 1832—1836 | | | | | |
| VII. 1822—Banns and 1812 six marriages. | | | | | | | |
| VIII. 1813— Burials. | | | | | | | |
| IX. 1841— Baptisms. | | | | | | | |

* In 1885 in private possession.

† In 1885 in private possession.

## PARISH REGISTERS.

The earliest transcripts of Smarden Registers date from A.D. 1560. These are at Canterbury, and contain this marriage 1569:—"Thomas Lake Mr of Art & Joane Draner gentellwoman were married the IX day of October." (He was M.P., for Romney, 43 Eliz. Berry's Kent peds. 218.) The oldest in the Iron Chest commences in 1632. It contains a few notes of interest. Such for example as "The Churchwardens of the parish of Smerden since the restoration of our deear soueiaigne Charles the second elected att a parish meeteing in Easter week yt is to saie upon Mondaie or Tuesdaie in the said week.

1663. Thos. Haffenden and Abell Bowen

1664. John Matthewes and Walter Guithome refusinge to take the oath stand excommunicate."

### BAPTISMS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1665 | June 15. | Jeremiah, sonne of Thomas and Sarah Hinckley, was baptized. |
| 1667 | Ap. 19. | Thomas son of John Turner and Anna his wife was baptized. |
| 1669 | May 26. | Elizabeth. dau. of Matthew Hartnop born 1661. |
| 1672 | Oct 29. | Vicessimo nono die Octobris Joannes filius Thomas Drainer et Francisca uxoris ejus baptizatus erat die Martis (Domi.) |
| 1674 | July 20. | Jacob, filius Richard Turner natus erat et. postea baptizatus. |
| 1675 | Feb. 9. | Thomas filius Thomæ Drauner et Francisæ uxoris ejus baptizatus etat, die mercurii (Domi.) |
| ,, | Dec. 12. | Richardus filius Richardi Turner natus erat et postea baptizatus. |
| 1677 | Feb. 6. | Sexto die Februarii Maria filia Richardi Turner et Mariæ uxoris ejus baptizata fuit. |
| 1680 | Jan. 26. | The son of Thomas Gillam a sectary called Thomas but not baptized. |
| ,, | June 13. | Thomas the son of Mr. Richard Turner and his wife Mrs. Mary Turner bapt. |
| 1682 | Jan. 16. | Christopher the sonne of Thomas and Frances Drainer. |
| ,, | Ap. 30. | John the sonne of Mr. Rich. Turner and Mary his wife was bapt. but borne Ap. 22. |
| ,, | June 23. | Elizabeth ye daughter of Thomas Dranner and Frances his wife. |
| 1684 | Mar. 16. | Henry the sonne of Mr. Richard Turner and Mary his wife was bapt. |
| 1692 | Aug. 10. | Joanna the dau. of Matthew Hartnup and Joane his wife was bapt. |
| 1707 | March 24. | John Dutton, the son of Mr. John Archer, a Presbyterian Minister and Anne his wife, baptized after their way; born March ye 13th. |

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| 1713 | Feb. 26. | George, son of George and Marian Carter, Gent. |
| 1721 | Sep. 20. | Mary, dau. of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| 1724 | Ap. 7. | Matthew, son of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| 1727 | Sep. 3. | Elizabeth, dau. of Captn. Charles and Lady Bridget Otway. |
| ,, | ,, 17. | William, son of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| 1729 | March 30. | Sarah, dau. of Stephen and Anne Otway. |
| 1730 | Jan. 6. | William, son of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| ,, | July 20. | Charles, son of Captn. Charles and Lady Bridget Otway. |
| 1731 | Ap. 18. | Stephen, son of Stephen and Anne Otway. |
| 1737 | Ap. 10. | Stephen, son of Stephen and Eliz Dennett. |
| 1740 | Nov. 10. | James, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Dennett. |
| 1742 | Aug. 8. | James, son of Stephen and Mary Dennett. |
| 1746 | Jan. 5. | Elizabeth, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth Dennett. |
| 1770 | Ap. 20. | Henry, son of Geo. and Elizabeth Munk. |
| ,, | Nov. 28. | Elizabeth, dau. of Edwd. and Ann Munk. |
| 1772 | Ap. 12. | Ann, dau. of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1774 | Jan. 16. | James, son of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1776 | June 2. | John, son of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1778 | Nov. 13. | Edward, son of Edward and Ann Monk. |
| 1779 | Mar. 17. | Charles, son of James Atkins, Curate and Mary his wife born Feb. 12. |
| ,, | Apr. 6. | Hannah Woolley 22 years, dau. of John Woolley of Romden. bapt. |
| 1783 | Dec. 7. | Thomas son of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1787 | Jan. 10. | Jemimia dau. of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1792 | Jan. 22. | Sarah, dau. of Edward and Ann Munk. |
| 1799 | May 12. | Edward, son of John and Grace Munk. |
| ,, | Oct. 6. | Elizabeth, dau. of James and Sarah Munk. |
| 1805 | Oct. 6. | Sarah dau. of James and Sarah Munk. |
| 1807 | July 12. | Sarah dau. of Thomas and Mary Munk. |
| ,, | Sep. 13. | Eliza dau. of James and Sarah Munk. |
| 1809 | Jan. 1. | Edward son of Thomas and Mary Munk. |
| ,, | June 4. | Harriet dau. of James and Sarah Munk. |
| 1811 | Feb. 11. | Thomas son of Thos. and Mary Munk. |
| ,, | March 31. | James son of James and Sarah Munk. |

## MARRIAGES.

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| 1662 | | Francis Wildbore and Frances Drayner married June 20. |
| ,, | | William Mills and Anne Drayner married July 11. |
| 1663 | Jan. 14. | Matthew Hartnup and Mary Watts. |
| 1664 | Aug. 15. | John Turner of Smarden and Anne Lee of Marden. |
| ,, | Nov. 6. | Peter Ford and Katherine Tilden. |

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| 1664 | Sep. 22. | John Matthews of Molesh and Jane Drayner, widow. |
| 1671 | Oct. 19. | Matthew Hartnop et Joanna Newenden nupti erant in diem decimam nonam Octobris Diem Jovis per Jona Whiston, Rector. |
| 1678 | | Vndecimo Die Junij Christopherus Short Viduus and Katharina Croucher vidua, ambo de Hedcorne, nuptias contrahebant. |
| 1678 | Nov. 7. | Septimo die Novembris Nicholas Mauncer duxit in uxorem Marian Haffenden. |
| 1680 | May 2. | John Turner and Mary Mapeston. |
| 1680 | July 3. | Benjamin Hales and Wid Gramme. |
| 1687 | Jan. 3. | Robert Lucas of Smarden to Mary Salmon of Ulcombe. |
| 1689 | ,, 7. | Thomas Gilham of Smarden and Mary Golding of Cranbrook. |
| 1705 | Sep. 16. | John Turner widdower and Elizabeth Harvey. |
| ,, | Dec. 2. | Thomas Ransome and Elizabeth Drayner. |
| 1715 | Sep. 29. | John Turner and Dorothy Dadson. |
| 1720 | Oct. 20. | John Otway and Mary George. |
| 1726 | May 2. | Thomas Munn and Elizabeth Otway. |
| 1755 | | John Woolley and Frances Bright of Bethersden. |
| 1770 | Sep. 16. | Edward Munk, B. to Ann Town Sp. |
| 1778 | April 20. | Thomas Fagg, B. to Elizabeth Hopper, Sp. |
| 1785 | Nov. 10. | John Tutty, B. to Mary Judge of Boxley. |
| 1786 | May 9. | Thomas Hinds aud Ann Jell. |
| 1793 | Jan. 9. | James Homewood to Elizabeth Munk. |
| 1798 | Dec. 24. | John Munk, B. and Grace Offen, Sp. |
| 1799 | Ap. 6. | James Munk and Sarah Seeley. |
| ,, | Nov. 2. | Thomas Day of Egerton, B. and Fanny Munk. |
| 1805 | May 20. | Thomas Isteed of Westwell, B. to Jemima Munk, Sp. |
| 1807 | Nov. 2. | Wm. Fagg, B. and Phœbe Batt. Sp. |
| 1811 | Ap. 8. | Thomas Fagg, B. and Mary Fry, Sp. |

## BURIALS.

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| 1632 | | Augusti Septimo sepulta est Aimia uxor Samuelis Chittenden. |
| | | Aug. dieq vicessimo nono Katharina Drayner vidua sepulta est. |
| | | Februarii vicessimo sexto die sepulta est Maria uxor Roberti Tilden. |
| 1633 | Feb. 6. | Sepulta est Mary uxor Henrici Tilden. |
| | Feb. | Undecimo sepulta est Katharina uxor Christopheri Drayner. |
| 1637 | | Marriana Haffenden Filia Sandari Haffenden et Marrianæ uxoris suæ sepulta Jan. 20. |
| | | Maria filia Johannis Turner et Anne uxoris Martii 6, sepul. |
| | | Margareta filia Johannis Deedes sepulta fuit Martii 15, sep. |

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| 1638 | | Thomas Drayner Paterfam sepultus fuit Decemb. 7th. |
| 1639 | | Robertus Haffenden Paterfam sepultus fuit Oct. 13. |
| | | Caleb Longlie subclericus Paterfam sepultus Oct. 6. |
| | Feb. 21. | Maria filia Johannis Drayner sepulta fuit. |
| | | Elizabeth Tilden vidua sepulta fuit ffeb. 21. |
| | Maii 1. | Anna uxor Germani Turner sepulta fuit. |
| 1640 | May 27. | Filius primogenitus Jacobj Turner qui obiit sine lavacro regenerationis sepultus fuit. |
| 1641 | | Mary the wife of Robert Tilden April 25. |
| „ | May 6. | Robert Tilden Widdower. |
| „ | Oct. 17. | John Turner sonne of John Turner. |
| „ | | George Haffenden buried the 18 day. |
| „ | Feb. 18. | Katherina Draner dau. of Thomas Dranner. |
| 1642 | Ap. 4. | Anne Turner wife of John Turner. |
| „ | May 30. | Anne daughter of Henry Tilden. |
| „ | June 18. | Wm. Turner. |
| 1643 | | John Haffenden buried the 30 day Sep. |
| 1645 | April | Susanna Vaughan buried the 22 day. (Perhaps wife of the Doctor) |
| 1646 | Dec. | Nicholas Mayham Clerk buried the 2d. day Dec. |
| „ | | Anna Haffenden Vidua sepulta fuit martij 28. |
| 1647 | | Saunders Haffenden. |
| 1662 | March 18. | John Gates buried. |
| 1664 | Ap. 11. | Alexander Drayner. |
| 1665 | Oct. 16. | John Tilden. |
| „ | Nov. 17. | Isabell the wife of James Turner. |
| 1666 | Sep. 25. | The widdow of Robert Turner buried. |
| 1667 | Aug. 22. | John Haffenden houskeeper was buried. |
| 1668 | Ap. 16. | Anna wife of John Turner. |
| „ | June 22. | Thomas son of John Turner buried. |
| „ | Nov. 13. | Ann Turner. |
| 1671 | | Elizabeth the wife of John Haffenden was buryed August 28. |
| „ | | The wife of Matthew Hartnup buried. |
| „ | | Hic annus Smardensibus fuit maxime lethalis : nam intra ejus curriculum ex illis, uti ferter, plures quam quinquaginta diem. |
| 1672 | Aug. 30. | Tricessimo die mensis Augusti sepultus erat Jacob Turner Paterfamilias. |
| 1679 | Jan. 3. | George Dawkins, Broadweaver. |
| „ | Nov. 23. | An unchristened child of Thomas Drainer buried. |
| „ | Dec. 13. | Matthew Hartnup, Chirurgion, buried. |
| „ | „ 29. | Joanne Hartnup widow, buried. |

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| 1680 | Jan. 26. | Christopher the sonne of Thos. Drainer buried. |
| „ | Feb. 10. | Clement wife of John Sedgewicke. |
| „ | Aug. 8. | Henry Daines clothier. |
| 1681 | August 19. | Sarah ye Daughter of James Haffenden buried. |
| 1682 | Mar. 29. | Martha Tillden widdow. |
| 1683 | March 14. | Frances ye wife of Thomas Haffenden was buried. |
| „ | | Richard Turner of Smarden, clothier. |
| 1684 | May 3. | John Dawson weaver and poore was buried. |
| 1685 | Oct. 22. | George Haffenden, Householder, was buried. |
| „ | „ 25, | Thos. Dranner, Husbandman, buried. |
| 1686 | May 3. | Richard Turner, Gentleman and Householder, buried. |
| „ | „ 3. | Henery the sonne of Mr. Richard Turner, buried. |
| „ | Nov. 23. | John sonne of Mr. Rich. Turner lately deceased, buried. |
| 1688 | Jan. 1. | James sonne of John Dranner, buried. |
| 1689 | March 26. | John Haffenden Householder was buried. |
| 1690 | Aug. 14. | John Tanton weaver was buried. |
| 1691 | July 29. | Sarah Hinckley poore was bur. |
| 1693 | Jan. 4. | Elizabeth wife of Robert Drayner bur. |
| 1700 | June 3, | Robert Drayner householder buried. |
| „ | June ye 4th. | Christopher Fullagar, Householder Buried. |
| 1701 | Jan. ye 2. | Mr. George Haffenden of Wittresham. |
| „ | Feb. ye 28. | Mr. Thomas Haffenden Householder. |
| „ | March ye 4. | Richard Brungar, senior, Parish Clerk. |
| 1702 | Apl. 17. | Mr. George Brown, Chirurgeon, Householder. |
| „ | Dec. 22. | Mary wife of John Turner. |
| 1703 | Oct. ye 10th. | Two unbaptized children of John and Eliz. Haffenden. |
| 1704 | Jan. 14. | Katharine wife of John Turner. |
| 1706 | July ye 2. | Thomas ye son of John Haffenden. |
| „ | May 28. | John Drayner, Householder, bur. |
| 1707 | June 3. | Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Samuel Whiston, minister of Headcorn. |
| 1708 | March ye 22. | Two children Twins of John and Eliz. Haffenden. |
| „ | „ 23. | Thomas Pell, Clothier, an old Bachelour. |
| 1709 | July 13. | Mr. Jacob Turner of Hackney, Merchant. |
| „ | Sep. 3. | Robert Pell, Householder, Clothier bur. |
| „ | Oct. 22. | A child of Mr. Thomas Haffenden. |
| 1711 | Jan. 30. | Anne Pell wid. |
| „ | Dec. 21. | John Lucas, Householder, age 83. |
| 1713 | Dec. 19. | Thos. Drainer an infant. |
| 1714 | March 3. | Thomas Adman, weaver. |

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| „ | Nov. 5. | A child of Mr. Haffenden, Buried. |
| 1715 | Dec. 31. | Susannah ye wife of John Otway. |
| 1716 | Jan. 13. | John Turner. |
| 1717 | Jan. 24. | Elizabeth Turner, Widow. |
| „ | June 18. | Thos. and Dorothy Drainer. |
| „ | „ 27. | Anne Drainer. |
| 1719 | May 29. | Mr. Richard Haffenden. |
| 1723 | June 4. | John son of Thomas and Mary Haffenden, unbaptized. |
| „ | Nov. 15. | Elizabeth Gates, wife of Wm. Gates. |
| 1725 | Oct. 18. | Mary Lucas, widow aged 103 years. |
| „ | Dec. 23. | William Gates, Glazier |
| 1726 | Apl. 21. | Col. James Otway. |
| 1727 | Nov. 16. | William son of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| 1728 | May 2. | Elizabeth wife of John Harnden, Weaver. |
| „ | „ 13. | Elizabeth wife of Jeremiah Vinset, farmer. |
| „ | June 13. | Matthew Otway, Senr., Carpenter. |
| „ | July 20. | Anne wife of Thos. Dranner, husbandman. |
| 1729 | Ap. 10. | Susannah Otway wid. |
| „ | Nov. 29. | James Tilden of Halden, yeoman. |
| 1730 | Feb. 20. | Willm. Cook, Parish Clerk. |
| 1731 | July 11. | Mary dau. of Thos. and Mary Dranner. |
| 1732 | June 26. | Matthew son of Matthew and Mary Otway. |
| 1739 | Oct. 20. | Buried. Mr. Richard Turner. |
| 1740 | Nov. 19. | Buried James, son of Stephen and Eliz Dennett. |
| 1742 | Oct. 24. | „ Thos. Otway, Carpenter. |
| 1743 | „ 22. | Elizabeth Yates widdow. |
| 1744 | March 11. | Elizabeth wife of Thomas Munn, Clark of ye parish. |
| 1746 | | From this time forward it must be certifyed that a certificate of the persons being buried in woollen was or was not brought in due time. |
| „ | | Anna Haffenden vidua sepulta fuit Martij 28. |
| 1756 | Aug. 18. | Mrs. Elizabeth Ottway widow of ye late Colonel Ottway. |
| 1758 | Oct. 6. | The Rt. Honble. Lady Bridget Otway. |
| 1767 | Feb. 6. | Charles James Otway Esq. |
| „ | June 6. | John son of George and Elizabeth Monk. |
| 1770 | June 12. | Miss Elisabeth Otway. |
| 1777 | April 10. | The Rev. Solomon Pawley, nineteen years curate of this parish, and vicar of Aylshm, Norfolk. Ætat 76. [He was appointed in 1758, having been for some years previously Curate of Biddenden.] |
| 1779 | Ap. 6. | Hannah Woolley, 22 years of age, dau. of John Woolley, Romden. |

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| „ | May 31. | John Woolley ætat 77, a fun sermon for. |
| „ | July 23. | William Weston ætat 21, a worthy young man, whilst jumping off his waggon to stop the restive horses, was caught, and instantly crushed to death, the wheels going over his temples. |
| 1781 | Dec. 30. | Elisabeth, wife of Stephen Dennet. (Dropsy.) |
| 1784 | May | Joseph Harnden, weaver, Consump. |
| 1789 | Sep. 24. | Stephen Dennett. Pr. |
| | | Winifred Friend made oath the body of Martha Alchin of Smarden, lately deceased, was buried in what was made of sheep wool only, as witness my hand this 6 of March 1792, D. Evans, Vicar of Headcorn. |
| 1795 | Jan. 6. | Charles Ottaway, Labourer. |
| 1797 | Jan. 17. | Charles Otway, Esq. aged 66, received information Jan. 17. that Mr. Otway was buried in Linen. |
| 1804 | Oct. 15. | Bridget Otway from Ashford aged 72, the last of the Romden family of that name. |
| 1806 | March 7. | Elizabeth da. of James and Sarah Munk. |
| 1821 | Sep. 26. | Edward Munk 76 years. |
| 1822 | May 26. | Ann Munk. |
| „ | Dec. 14. | Sarah Munk. 32 years. |
| 1840 | Feb. 16. | James Munk. 65 years. |
| 1856 | Dec. 11. | Sarah Monk. 86 years. |
| 1862 | Oct. 18. | Mary Tutty. 96 years. |

## CHURCH BRIEFS.

### A list of Church Briefs appears in the oldest Parish Register.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1663 | Feb. 21. | Collected in the parish Church of Smarden, on a breefe ffor the repaire of the parish Church and Steeple Harwich, in the County of Essex, the sum of ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 7 |
| | | For Wandsworth, in Surrey ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 10 |
| | | For Hexham, Northumberland | | |
| 1664 | Aug. 29. | For repaire of the Haven of Great Grimsby, co. Lincoln ... | 1 | 4 |
| | | „ rebuilding church of Cannon froome, Hereford ... | 3 | 0 |
| | | „ Church of Wytleham, Sussex ... ... ... ... | 1 | 8 |
| 1665 | Apr. 2. | „ the reformed Church of Strasburgh in Alsatia. Mem. that this briefe was sent to Canterbury. Paid by Mr. Cole to the Summoner ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 7 |

| | | s. | d. |
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| | Ap. 9. for Warehorne, Kent. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | 1 |
| | „ 30. „ towne of Cromer, alias Shipden, Norfolk ... ... ... | 2 | 4 |
| | July 9. „ repaire of the Church, and Steeple of Sandwich, Kent ... | 1 | 8 |
| | Aug. 2. for the reliefe of persons infected with the plague of pestilence in this county, and elsewhere the sum of ... ... ... ... | 2 | 9 |
| | Again Sep. 6. 8s.; Oct. 4. 3s. 8d.; Nov. 8. ... ... ... ... | 6 | 0 |
| | Oct. 4. 3s. 8d.: Nov. 8, 6s. (all for the same object). | | |
| | Mar. 18. for repairing the Church of Clun, co. Salop. ... ... ... | 0 | 8 |
| | „ „ the peir of Hartlepoole, Durham ... ... | 0 | 8 |
| 1666 | Sep. 2. Collected towards the reliefe of the persons visited with the plague in Rochester, Gravesend by request from the Justices of peace, sitting at Maydston. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 11 | 8 |
| 1668 | For Towne of Newport, in Salop ... ... ... ... ... | 10 | 10 |
| 1669 | Oct. 10. For ye Redemption of the poore Captives in Algier and Sally, and in other parts of the Turkes dominions ... ... ... ... | 3 | 4 |
| 1672 | March 23. Collected yn on a Breefe (for a ffire in London, wch. beganne at ye Theatre Roiall) in the parish of Smarden in Kent, the sume of two shillings. | | |
| | April. 27. Coll. for a ffire wch. happened in ye Parish Church of West Beere in ye county of Kent, in ye parish of Smarden, the sum of one shilling seven pence. | | |
| 1672 | May 5. Collected on a Briefe (for ye towne of Nettlestead in ye county of Kent) in ye parish of Smarden in Kent, ye sum of ... ... | 2 | 10 |
| | Sep. 8 Collected upon ye account of ye sugar houses being fired in London. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 8 |
| 1674 | June 7. Collected yn on a breife (for a ffire wch. happened in ye Parish of Benenden in ye county of Kent, and burnt downe ye Church and other houses neere it) in ye Parish of Smarden, the sume of two shillings tenne pence halfepenny. Sam. Whiston. Curate. | | |
| 1676 | May 7. For ye Parish Church of Newent, Gloucester, was read but nothing collected, they being in ye same condition. | | |
| | May 21. A Briefe for ye Parish Church of Oswestere, Salop, was read, but nothing collected yr owne Church being very much out of repaire. | | |
| 1677 | Ap. 22. For thirty poore distressed protestant Ministers banished out of Hungary yr native countrey for religion by the popish party. ... | 1 | 3 |
| 1698 | Oct. 6. A Breife for ye Rebuilding of St. Paul's Church, in London. which was destroyed and consumed by ffire was read and published, but nothing was collected. | | |

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| 1698 | Dec. 15. for a fire wch. happened in ye parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | 1 | 2 |
| 1699 | Ap. 5. for the reliefe of the Vaudois ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 11 | 8 |
| „ | May 21. for a fire in Drury Lane, Middlesex ... ... ... ... | | 10 | 5 |
| 1700 | Mar. 18. for the Redemption of Captives at Machanes, under the emperour of Fez and Morocco ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1701 | Sep. 28. for Repairing Ely Cathedral ... ... ... ... ... | | 1 | 10 |
| „ | Dec. 7. „ „ Church of Bromley, Staffordshire. ... ... | | 2 | 10 |
| „ | Mar. 22. „ „ Leominster, Hereford. ... ... ... ... | | 9 | 8 |
| 1702 | May 10. „ „ Chester Cathedral. ... ... ... ... | | 3 | 3 |
| „ | May 17. „ „ Church of Rye, Sussex.... ... ... ... | | 2 | 6 |
| „ | June 7. „ „ „ St. Germains in Selby, in Yorks. ... | | 2 | 0 |
| „ | Oct. 25. „ „ „ Chepstow, Monmouth. ... ... | | 3 | 2½ |
| „ | „ „ „ „ Lutterworth, co. Leicester ... ... | | 2 | 6 |
| „ | Nov. 8. „ „ „ Wye, Kent. ... ... ... ... | | 3 | 8 |
| „ | March 21. „ „ Monks Kerby, Warwick. ... ... | | 2 | 0 |
| 1703 | June 20. Collected on a Breife for St. Giles, in Shrewsbury.... ... | | 3 | 6 |
| 1704 | Mar. 26. „ reliefe of the Protestants of ye Principality of Orange £1 12s. 4d., sixteen shillings whereof was gathered by the Dissenters at their Meeting. | | | |
| „ | June 4. for the Reliefe of the widdows and children of those seamen that lost their lives in the late dreadful storm and tempest £1 1s. 9d.; seven shillings whereof was gathered by the Dissenters at their meeting. | | | |
| 1705 | Sep. 23. towards the repair of All Saint's Church, Oxford. ... ... | | 3 | 10 |
| 1706 | „ „ the Parish Church of Batford, Notts. ... ... | | 1 | 8 |
| „ | Feb. 16. „ „ „ Darlington Church, Durham... | | 1 | 8 |
| 1707 | June 22. „ „ „ Brosely Church, Salop. ... | | 1 | 0 |
| | Nov. 2. „ „ „ Dursley „ Glouc. ... | | 1 | 5 |
| | Dec. 7. „ „ „ Orford „ Suffolk ... | | 1 | 4½ |
| 1708 | June 6. for building a Protestant Church at Oberbarmen, in the Duchy of Berg. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | 4 | 7 |
| „ | Nov. 28. for the repair of Brenchley Church, Kent. ... ... ... | | 2 | 2½ |
| 1709 | May 22. „ „ St. Mary Redcliffe Church, in Bristol. ... | | 1 | 9 |
| | June 19. „ „ Lanvilling Church, Montgomery. ... ... | | 2 | 1 |
| | Oct. 4. for relief of ye poor Palatines. ... ... ... ... ... | | 17 | 0 |
| 1710 | For the Reparation of Stockton Church, Durham. ... ... ... | | 1 | 3 |

## CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

These records are of considerable interest, as indicating the various changes that have taken place in regard to public worship. The oldest Book is a paper folio, called on the fly leaf "Liber ecclesiæ," also "Liber ecclesiasticus." It begins thus:—

"In the yer of o$^{r}$ lorde I536 the 4 daye of the monthe of November witnesseth that Thom̄s Philpott of the pishe of Smden awith to the pishe churche aforsayd xxiiij$^{s}$ the one halfe therof to be payd at witsūdaye next aft the date herof & the other halfe to be payd at the Nativ' of o$^{r}$ blessyd lady folowying."

That the ecclesiastical Furniture and Vestments were some of the best of their kind, appears from an Inventory of Church Goods taken "in the yr of o$^{r}$ lorde good 1538, and in the xxx$^{th}$ yr of o$^{r}$ soverayne lorde king Henr the VIII."

This list includes "a silver crosse gylted & ij silver paxe gyltyd," "a senser of silver," two silver candlesticks, "iiij sylver chalys wherof one ys gylte," two silver cruytts, and several vestments for deken & sub deken, also "a cope of clothe of gold," &c., &c. (See Archæologia Cantiana IX. p. 224.)

1540. Robert Wolfe & John Pell were elected Churchwardens.

The accompte of John Draner esquire made January 6, 1546, and yn the most victor$^{s}$ rayne of Henr the VIII by Godds Grace Kyng of Englond, France, and Irelond, defender of the fayth, and yn erthe, next īmediate under Christ, supreme hedde of the churches of Englonde & also of Irelond the xxxviij$^{d.}$

First layd owt for liij li of waxe for the crosse lygth xxvj$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

Itm lyed owt mor for iij li of waxe candyll strekying (striping) xxj$^{d.}$

It payd to Holnesse for strekyng of the crosse lygth & the paschall & for strekyng of ij li of small candles iij$^{s.}$ iiij.

It payd to Holnesse for strekyng of the torches xviij$^{d.}$

It payd to Edward Pellande for mendyng of the lytle bell claper & for mendyng of the canapye xxij$^{d.}$

It payd to Wood wydow for mendyng of the vestmēt ij$^{d.}$

It payd for a cruet iiij$^{d.}$

Upon the accession King Edward VI, and introduction of the doctrines of the Reformed Faith, great changes were effected in the services of the Church: certain Ornaments and Furniture being no longer required were sold by the Churchwardens.

1547 "This ys the accompte of John Woollton made before the p'sence of the pisshe of Smarden in the churche of Smarden, the fyrste daye of the moneth of Januarij in the yere of our Lord god a M.CCCCCXLVII & in the fyrste yere of the moste vyctorious reygne of Edwarde the vj by the grace of God kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendour of the faythe & in earthe under Chryste of the churche of Englande and of Irelande the supreme heade."

Ite payd for whytying of the chrystover vj$^{d}$.

Ite rec. of James Lake & John Pell for XIX ells of whyte clothe of ye roode lofte whyche they bought p'ce the ell v$^{d}$ ob. smā viij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.

Ite rec. of Edwarde Pellande for one stayne (painted) clothe that he bought vj$^{d}$.

Ite rec. vjli of waxe that was of the paskall ij$^{d}$ ob a poūde xij$^{d}$ ob.

Payd November 1, by John Woollton to Thomas Passhely chyrchewarden, in the p'sence of Thomas Lake, Stephyn Newynden, &c. in the churche of Smarden at the awlter there the sume of iiij marke of good and lawfull moneye for the use and behoofe of the poore peple of the same pisshe, being bownde in recolysaunce (recognisance) before John Masson, knyght; James Hales knyght, and other the kynges visiters at Assheforth.

1548 Itm resseuved of John Sharp fore a clothe that was in ye chyrche xvj$^{d}$.

Itm resseuyd of Stephyn Dyngellden fore ane old vestmet viij$^{d}$.

Itm resseuvd of the same John Woollton for ane old clothe whiche was yn the seid churche viij$^{d}$.

Item received more of the said John Andersone for brasse & latten xx$^{s}$

Item rec. more of hym fore vij$^{li}$ of Torche waxe xiiij$^{d}$

„ „ of John Pell for ij$^{li}$ of waxe v$^{d}$

Itm resseuid of Robt Davy for a pec of vestmet vj$^{d}$

Itm resseuyd of Wyllm̄ Yngreme fore a Stone iiij$^{d}$

Itm resseuyd of Henry Ponnet ffore belle brasse & latten xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Rec. of John Andersonne for one ye ferme of the Chyrche Crofte due at the feast of Seynt Myghell archangelle laste paste xvj$^{d}$

The expencs and chargs.

Itm paid to Richard Bechyng for carryeng of tymber vij$^{d}$

Itm leyd owt fore whyttyng over the roode lofte x$^{s}$

Itm paid to John Wocllton fore the booke of the paraphrases of Erasmus v$^{s}$

Itm paid to Jeffays Wedo ffor the wryttgs over the roodelofte xvj$^{s}$

Itm leid owt for mendyng of the kyngs hyghway xx$^{d}$

Itm leid owt to the wrytter that ffynyshed the writtyng over the roode lofte v$^{s}$ j$^{d}$

Itm geuen to them that Hoysted the ladder j$^{d}$

Receyts.

1549 Itm for ij cusshyns solde to John Wolton xvj$^{d}$

Itm for an olde dore (Roodloft?) soulde to Edwarde Pellande v$^{d}$
Itm for stones solde to Mr. Drayner v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

The expens & charges.

„ For tymbre for the roode loft xij$^{d}$
„ layde out at Ayshforth xvj$^{d}$
„ for nayles for the shingelynge ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
„ for shinglinge of the Church xxiij$^{s}$
„ for pullynge doune of the altare ij$^{s}$
„ for waysshinge of the church gere xvj$^{d}$
Itm payde to John Wolton for a book iij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Receytes

1550 for the healings (Covers) of the books that ware solde ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Itm of John Andersone for glasse and syxe torch staves ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Itm of John Woulton for a stone (altar) xij$^{d}$
Item for a paynted cloth xviij$^{d}$

Expence and Charge

Itm payde to the scolemaster xx$^{s}$
Itm to John Anderson for caryenge the church boks to Can'bury ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Itm to Thomas Homes for mendinge the steple dore iij$^{d}$
Itm to William Cooks wyfe for mendinge of a cyrples iiij$^{d}$
Itm to Andersons doughter for strykinge of ye church iiij$^{d}$
Itm for mendinge of ye coope and two books iiij$^{d}$
1551 Itm for mendinge ye whit coope ij$^{d}$
For an Inglishe psalter for ye church ij$^{s}$
for wayshinge ye church gere iiij$^{d}$
1552 Itm payd to Wyllm Baker ffor mendyng of a lyttell stool besyd the fownt iiij$^{d}$
Itm payd to John Hope for payntyng of the surge of the roodeloft lj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Itm payd to John Andersone for x ells of canves and v ells of whyt clothe xiij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$
Itm payd to John Hor ffor wryttyng of the bemys xj$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Itm payd for the new booke of the comen prayer iiij$^{s}$
1553 Fyrst for breade for the comunyon ob.
for a pynt of malvesy for the comūnyon ij ob.
Itm for a gallonn of wyn on Easter midday & fetchinge xxj$^{d}$
Itm for a gallon of clarete wyn & fetching xiij$^{d}$
„ for a quart of malvesy & ye fetching vj$^{d}$
Itm for our meate and drink at Asheford when we caryed up our vestements xix$_{d}$
Itm for an horse to carry the same vj$^{d}$
„ „ a quart of Redd wyne & ye fetchinge iiij$^{d}$
„ „ a quart of Malvesey vj$^{d}$

[Note there are sixteen entries of wine this year.]

a pinte of bastard & the fetching ij$^{d}$ ob.

a pinte of whyt wine & ye fetchinge iij$^{d}$

a pinte of french wyne iij$^{d}$

The Churchwardens' Accounts (which during this period were admirably kept,) clearly indicate how the Roman Catholic worship was restored, when Queen Mary came to the throne. The following entries are not erased by the pen, as are those made during the reign of Edward VI. These obliterations were probably made by some zealot, who would rejoice at this return to the former ritual.

1554 Paid ffor one masse booke xx$^{s}$

,, one manuell v$^{s}$

,, a portees for the winter half yere iiij$^{s}$

[The foreign breviaries were divided according to the four seasons, but in England into winter and summer parts.] (Sacred Archæology. p. 459).

Paid to James Swifte ffor bringinge home the said books vj$^{d}$

,, to Rob. Pell's wife for mending the vestmt iiij$^{d}$

,, ffor making and gildinge of the crosse xij$^{d}$

,, a corpores kerchee xvj$^{d}$

,, mendinge the crismatorie vj$^{d}$

,, makinge the pascall iiij$_{d}$

,, ffor makinge the Aulter iiij$^{s}$

,, ,, ,, a load of sand viij$^{d}$

,, ,, carreinge the aulter stone and settinge it up xviij$^{d}$

,, Thomas Cotton ffor a portues for the summer tyme xij$^{d}$

,, ,, ,, ,, a holywater stock of Latin (latten an alloy of copper and zinc) iiij$^{s}$

,, ,, ,, ,, a paxe xij$^{d}$

,, ,, ,, ffor a holy water sticke iiij$^{d}$

[During the following year, the various changes in regard to ritual, are still more apparent.]

Payments.

1555 Itm paid to Setchfforte ffor ij candlestecks of Latin iiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Itm paid to the said Clemet ffor a pixe iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

,, ,, ,, Robt. Pells wif mending a surplesse ij$^{d}$

To the Carver at Asshefforthe (Ashford) ffor the rood Mary and John and ffor caringe of them home xxvij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Itm paid to Pelland ffor iron to ffasten the crosse in the roodelofte iiij$^{d}$

Item paid to the paintar for putting out the writing in the roodlofte v
Itm ffor going to Lenham ffor the paynter ij$^{d}$
Paid ffor bread and drinck to them that did helpe to have up and downe the ladders to set up the roode ix$^{d}$
Myn expencs goinge to Aisshefforth to point wth. the Joyner when the rood should be redie vj$^{d}$
Itm paid to Duck ffor taking down the cloth and ffor mending of a ladder ij$^{d}$
Paid to Robt Pells wif for mending a vestmt ij$^{d}$
Paid at the visitacon at pluckley vj$^{d}$
for makinge the bill of p'sentment ij$^{d}$
Itm ffor waxe against Easter ij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
— „ strikinge of the same waxe iiij$^{d}$
Itm to Setchfforthe ffor a bok called a grayle xxj$^{s}$
ffor bringinge home the same book viij$^{d}$
paid at the vysytacon at Bettresden iij$^{s}$
to Pelland ffor making yron (iron) work for ye pixe vj$^{d}$
for a new crosse of Latin xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
ffor settin on the crosse ob.
1556 ffor ij lb of waxe ffor the pascall xx$^{d}$
„ strikinge the same waxe ij$^{d}$
To Xpopher Mills ffor makinge the sepulcre and other things against Ester iij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item to Robt Pells wif for mendinge one albe ij$^{d}$
Item to Mr. Pson payntinge the table of the high altr. xvj$^{d}$
„ ffor the boke of the articles iij$^{d}$
„ myn expencs going to Cant to mak certifficats of things pvided in the church xx$^{d}$
„ „ the ymage of Saint Mi$^{s}$chell xx$^{s}$
„ „ carreing whom the same ymage iiij$^{d}$
„ my chargs & my horse going to Assheforth to fett home the said ymage vj$^{d}$
Itm at Cranbrook ffor my dinner when we were beffor the comissioners iiij$^{d}$
Itm the bok of injunction ij$^{d}$
ffor layinge in the inventory of the churche goods to the archdekon at Asshfforth iij$^{d}$
Itm for myn expencs at the layenge of the same inventory vj$^{d}$
„ for a yeard of red sarsnett to make a pixe clothe iiij$^{s}$
„ fringe for the pixe cloth ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
„ half a portees ffor wint$^{r}$ tyme iiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
1557 John Pell the yonger churchwarden.
Ffirst paid to Thomas Cotton for the table upon our Ladye Altare vj$^{d}$

Itm paid the sextene his quartare wags ended at christmas last iiij$^{d}$
Item paid for mendinge the vestmente and the crosse clothe iiij$^{d}$
„ „ to William Glover for a pound of candle iij$^{d}$ ob.
„ „ for three pounds and a halfe of waxe and fettinge it from Ashforde iij, viij$^{d}$
Paid Richard Ricard for Makinge the pascall iiij$^{d}$
to John Anderson for a lampe yron vj$^{d}$
for a lampe glasse iiij$^{d}$
To pelland for mendinge the clapper of our bell and garnishinge the lampe yron and for oile and helpe to hange it up xxij$^{d}$
Itm for cord to hange the lampe ij$^{d}$
paid for a sensare and twoo cruetts viij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
——— twoo books called ympuars iiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
paid for the purse to bere the sacramente in xvj$^{d}$
Itm for having in the altare stone out of the strete viij$^{d}$
„ „ writinge and layinge in the psentmente iiij$^{d}$
—— my chargs and my horse to canterburye xiij$^{d}$
—— mendinge the cope and the sirplece iij$^{d}$
—— to William Cooke for makinge the tapers before the roode iij$^{d}$
—— to pellande for a locke and a keye for the fonnte iiij$^{d}$
—— for a bason and an ewer iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
„ „ twoo ells of canvise for the deske clothe viiij$^{d}$
„ „ paintinge the same canvise for the deske xxij$^{d}$
1558 „ „ to Michell haris for pullinge of the shingles of the northe porche vij$^{d}$
laid oute for iiijli and a halfe of waxe to make the paschall iiij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Itm laid oute for vestments xxx$^{s}$
Itm for sowinge one of the velvett upon the aulbe againste Ester iiij$^{d}$
laid oute for candles one Christmasse day in the morninge j$^{d}$ ob.

During this year, the first of Queen Elizabeth, we observe the removal once more of the altars, and the sale of those articles of Church Furniture, no longer required for Protestant worship.

The Accompte of James Marlar churchwarden.
Rec. of Harnedens widowe for twoo yeares farme of the churche craffte iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Itm for a booke that I solde ij$^{d}$
„ „ „ quarterne of Bricke v$^{d}$
„ „ „ lannterne that I solde vj$^{d}$

Paiments.

Itm for three pounde and a halfe of waxe for ye pascall iij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
„ „ a booke of the procession in Englishe ij$^{d}$

Itm for a pinte of mamesye iij$^{d}$

„ „ at the Quenes visitacon at Asheforthe iij$^{s}$ v$^{d}$

„ „ for two new bookes for the church vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

„ „ pluckinge downe the high aulter xiiij$^{d}$

„ „ bestowed upon boys to beare brickes into the belfrye j$_{d}$

„ „ mendinge an albe and a cirples ij$^{d}$

„ „ a quart of mamesie vij$^{d}$

1559 Itm Rec. more for three hondrethe of bricks xxj$^{d}$

„ rec. a gilte chalice of silver wth. a patene the weighte of xxiij owncs iij qrters at v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ the owncc, sūme vjli vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Payments

Itm Laide oute for a quarte of mamesye vj$^{d}$

„ „ out for xviij daye of Maie for writinge and settinge up of the roodelothe clothe and other chargs therof xiiij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$

Itm paid the xxi daye of Julye for twoo books iij$^{d}$

„ laid out more for a booke iij$^{d}$

Itm paid to John Harneden for defacinge of certayne places in the church ij$^{s}$ ij$_{d}$

Itm paid to James Lake for sixe thousand of shingles iij$^{li}$ xvj$^{s}$

Recepts.

1560 Itm rec. of Thomas Norton for pt of the Rodloft xx$^{s}$

Itm of George Boycott and John Bartley for old payntyd clothes xviij$^{d}$

Payments

In primis pd att Cantbury the wensday next aft Candellmas for the receyving of the psentment iiij$^{d}$

Itm pd for the table of the x cōmandmts ij$^{s}$

„ „ for bread and wine xij$^{d}$

Itm for the copy of the articles vj$^{d}$

It. to Wells widow for a table xx$^{d}$

1561 Itm paid for settyng upp the tymber and bords of the rodloft iiij$^{d}$

It for my boks bought att London iij$^{s}$

„ pd to How for paynting the rodloft iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

„ to Swyft for putting up the ladders ij$^{d}$

It to xpofer mylls as much bords of the rodloft as is for whyting the church &c. iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Receipts

1562 Itm receaved of John Sadler of Madstone for the chalice over and above the price of the cōmunyon cup vij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Itm receaved of Edwarde Pellan for viij li of Iren viij$^{d}$

Itm rec more of John Wolton for all the peacs of tymber and bords wch. were

lefte of the rodeloft v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Itm rec of Mathie Wolton for fyve pownde of waxe ij$^{s}$ j$_{d}$

Payments

Itm paide for me and my horse for ij journeys to Maidstone myne expenses abowte the exchange of the chalyce xij$^{d}$

For wyne for the comunyon 28 Marche beinge a gallone and a pynt thereof ij$^{s}$ iij$^{d}$

Itm pd. more for o$^{r}$ expenses and the articles at the visitacon at Ashforth ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Itm for writinge of the presentment ij$^{d}$

Itm pd. in the courte at cawnterburie at the delyveringe thereof viij$^{d}$

Itm pd. for the booke of abstynence vij$^{d}$

Itm pd. the new booke of homelies iij$^{s}$

1563 Itm rec. of John Philpot for ij Copes iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

Itm rec. of Willam Whytt for a bell and a cruett xvj$^{d}$

Itm receyved of William Glover for a clothe viij$^{d}$

Itm rec. for the latten iij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

Paid to the Scoole master for wrytting of Stephin Dynglden's accompte ix$^{d}$

(He was Churchwarden the previous year.)

Itm paid for a quart of clarett wyne iiij$^{d}$

Itm paid for one psalter ix$^{d}$

Itm paid for a quart of whyte wyne againste shroffe Sundaie iiij$^{d}$

Itm paid for wyne agaynst palme Sondaye vj$^{d}$

Itm paid for a pynt of mustodyne iiij$^{d}$

Itm paid for makyng of a doore for a lytle stooll iiij$^{d}$

1564 Itm paid more for ij psalter bookes xx$^{d}$

Itm paid more to Ralf Pelland for makyng and setting on of ij payer of charnayles (hinges) uppon a stoole dore vj$^{d}$

1565 Itm pay$^{d}$ more for a pynte of malmsye againste Thomas Hopper was maryed iij$^{d}$

Itm payd more for two singinge psallter bookes in Meter xvj$^{d}$

Itm myne expenses goinge to Charrynge to fett them j$^{d}$

Itm for wrytinge of the indentures xxeninge and burienge iiij$^{d}$

1566 Itm the xj of June to pellande for a paire charnels, for the Goodye Lakes pue dore iij$^{d}$

1567 Item for a quarte of wine basterde vj$^{d}$

Item paide for a surples clothe that is to saye vj ells vij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item payde to Robert Pells wife for makinge the surples xvj$^{d}$

1568 It. I solde the byble to James Swifte v$^{s}$

It. for mending the clarks surpluis ij$^{d}$

It. for a plank that I bought of Pellande to mak a forme vj$^{d}$

It. pd for the Bible and ij psalters xxviiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1571 Receaved of John Glover for farme of the littell hoppett (small field) xx$^{d}$

1572-3 Laid out for the ringers *when the quenes grace was here* ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$

Itm for a booke of the newe articles iiij$^{d}$

1573 Itm to John Quested for kepinge out of the dogges iiij$^{d}$ (first entry of the kind)

Itm to Brooke for makinge of the fframe for the comunion table and mendinge of the stoole ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Itm layde oute for ringinge for the queene xij$^{d}$

1574 Itm receaved for certaine churche goods sould the some of v$^{s}$ j$^{d}$

1575 „ a gallon of basterd ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1576 Pd to the goldsmith of Asshforth for a sylver cover for the cōunion cupp ix$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

„ Item pd to John Quested for whippinge dogs out of the church xij$^{d}$

1577 The survayers of the hy wayes wear chosen 31 Martch, thes be ther names Nycollas Tayler and Robert Tonge. Also there be chosen to collectors for the vermen for thys same year Gabrill Brown, John Traye.

1578 For a quart of white wine and bred at Hallowtyde vj ob. (Hallowmass, feast of all Saints.)

Pd. for a booke of medicenes sett out for the plague iiij$^{d}$

„ for writtinge the booke of burialls and christenings iiij$^{d}$

1579 Layed out for a prayer booke of y$^{e}$ earthquake iiij$^{d}$

„ „ „ a service booke for ye churche vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1580 For leather for bawdricks ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

1581 „ a booke of newe articles xij$^{d}$

1582 P$^{d}$ the scolmaster for writinge up the keene and the names of the suerties iij$^{d}$

## These entries indicate frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion :—

laid out one palme Sonday for clarrett wyne and bredd vj$^{d}$ ob.

Itm upon Mundaye for claret wyne a pint and for bread iij$^{d}$ ob.

„ the Thursdaye before Easter for clarett wyne and bredd vj$^{d}$ ob.

„ one Good fridaye for claret wyne and bredd vj$^{d}$ ob.

„ uppon Easter even for claret wyne iij$^{d}$

Itm uppon Easter day for clarett wyne and brede vij$^{d}$ ob.

„ one Easter Munday for claret wyn and bred vj ob.

„ „ teusday folowinge „ wyn and brede iij ob.

„ the Sunday next after Easter for claret wyne and bred three quarters xviij$^{d}$ ob.

1583 Pd. John Glover for whit lyme five bushells and a tovett and redd oker ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

1584 For the excommunication ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

1585 For carynge the bell to Maidstone x$^{s}$

To Sharpe for caryinge the brasses to London iiij$^{d}$

for a corvett from Maidstone to London iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

sending the bell home from London to Feuersham ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Pd at feuersham for Cariadge and to the water balife xviij$^{d}$
for caryinge the bell from feuersham to Challocke iij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
to Richard Swaisland for bringinge the bell home vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
spent in meat & drink in hanginge up the bell iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
for makinge the psentment and certifying the recusants vj$^{d}$
1587 for answeringe to the 34 articles vj$^{d}$
for a prayer Book iiij$^{d}$
1588 Pd a Good fridaie for a quart of wine & bredd x$^{d}$ ob.
„ one Easter daie for a quart of wine and bred x ob.
„ „ „ „ „ a potell of———— xx ob.
„ the sundaie after Easter daie for 5 pinte of wine and bredd ij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$ ob.
(There are twelve entries for wine this year.)
1589 To Thomas Hopper for makinge forms in the chancell &c, viij$^{d}$
1590 Account of John Haffenden.
Makinge the formes at the communion v$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
For plancks & for carryinge of them viij$^{s}$
For writinge the bill of recusants & carynge of it in xij$^{d}$
(This latter entry often occurs)
1592 Itm to Mr. Draner for makinge the bill of recusants iiij$^{d}$
for caryinge of itt to Canterburie vj$^{d}$
To Elias Pell for his help iiij$^{d}$
1594 Accompte of Edward Pell (Churchwarden)
1595 Item for paper sowed into the church Book j$^{d}$
Paid at the visitasion for Mr. ffotherbye, Richard Sharpe and myselfe (John Gouldwell) our dinners and our horses iiij$^{s}$
1596 For makinge of a key for the cheste of the churche iiij$^{d}$
1597 For delyueringe the byll of recusants into ye court iiij$^{d}$
It to Thomas Hopper for makinge up the dore wch. hath gone to rodelofte ij$^{s}$
1598 Elizens Pell for making of the desk xij$^{d}$
Payde Abram Armestrong far whipin of dooges xij$^{d}$
1599 Rec. from Mr. Henrye James towards the bells xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Eliz Pell sexten his wages iiij$^{d}$
payed to ye Gaole for halfe a year & for ye maymed souldiers July xxij, x$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
1601 to the somner for a bill of recusants x$^{d}$
1602 To the constable for the gayle x$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
for makinge the writings betweene Mr. Mote (the bellfounder) & the parishe ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$
1604 The Surveyors for the highe wayes this year were George Rogers & Tho. Burchet, ffor the vermine Edmond Wood & Stephen Whatlowe.
In primis layd out for fetching the bells ffrom fev$^{r}$shā xxxiij$^{s}$

Ite layde out for carriage viij$^{s}$
Ite for the townes wharfidge xvj$^{d}$
Ite our brackfast iij$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$
Ite spent at hanginge of the bells up viij$^{d}$
Ite the gayle monye x$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
Ite payd for carringe the bells and fetchinge them home iij$^{li}$
Ite to Elizens Pell for his work iij$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$
For carringe in the bill of recusants viij$^{d}$
P$^{d}$ to Mayster Moate (Bell founder) xxj$^{li}$

1606 Surveyors ffor the highe wayes George Tomline & John Dunberye
For the vermine William Pearson, and Elizens Pell
For the booke of cannons and our articles ij$^{s}$
„ payde the somner for caryinge in our bill of psentment 5 May iiij$^{d}$
„ „ table of the cōmandements and for the degrees of mariage ij$^{s}$
For a booke of s'vice for the 5 of Auguste xij$^{d}$
Ite pd for toe books for prayers for the kings deliverance xviij$^{d}$
for toe gallons 3 pints and a halfe of wine at Christmas ix$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$
spent on them that help up wth. the reason (motto) in ye churche v$^{d}$
P$^{d}$ John Hopper for makinge the frame of the cōmandements viij$^{d}$
It pd to Tho & Jo. Hopper for 40 dayes worke at fifteene pence a daye L$^{s}$

1607 P$^{d}$ to Tanton for mendinge the poore mans boxe vj$^{d}$
Pd for a locke & a keye for the leads dore iiij$^{d}$
Pd to Chapman for three lambeskins for the cushen xij$^{d}$
„ to Glover for toe yards of silke stuffe & silke to sow it and binde it vj$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Pd for 3 li of flocks and for makinge the cushen xxij$^{d}$
Pd to the paynter for payntinge the kings arms xx$^{s}$
Pd at Cantburie for my charges in goinge to cantyburye to give in my awnswer for the kings armes, cushen, and the greate bell xviij$^{d}$
Pd. to Willmot ye 19 of Aprill for the frame for the kings arms 13$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$

1608 Item for a key & mending the locke of the chest of the vesterie viij$^{d}$
Item paid the constable for goale mony x$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
„ „ to Mr. Harman for writeing out the sentences on the paynted cloth vj$^{d}$
for tenne ells of canvas for the paynt cloth xij$^{s}$
for beare when the paynter set up the cloth ij$^{d}$
To John Hopper for mending the Vane vj$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
Pd Chawker for twoe iron hookes to fasten the wall ix$^{d}$
Paid for a tovet (Half a Bushel) of sand j$^{d}$
For churching the Kings armes j$^{d}$

1609 Item for being cited because the p'sentment was mad by the wrong booke of Artickles ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
Item expended in interteyneing the bell founder at his first comeing xviij$^{d}$
Item for his chardges in travelling to London aboute the bell xj$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item paid for the Belfounder his supper at Smerden iiij$^{s}$
expended in twoe iorneys to canterburie touching the bookes of the Scottes xvij$^{d}$
Item paid at London for makeing writeing for ye bell ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
Item for his passage by water to London and to the water bayliffe for the bell xvj$^{d}$
Item paid to Mr. Laurance of ffvershame lij$^{s}$
for chardges the third jorney to London when he paid for shooteing the bell v$^{s}$
Pd. to ye paynter for whiteing or church & writeing of sentences in the church May 3. xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
For a booke of artickles vj$^{d}$
For byshope Jewells workes xxiij$^{s}$
For a pewter potte for the wyne ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item to Elizens Pell for makening a dicke in the Church yarde vj$^{d}$
„ paid to James Swyfte for a rundlet to keepe ye wyne in xvj$^{d}$

1611 Item payd for our dynners the fowerth of September when the belle was hadd uppe into the steeple ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
xx Nov. being cited for not goeing the boundes of the pishe payd in courte ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
To James Swyfte for ij els of holland cloth for a new comunion cloth vij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item one yard and quarter of carsie (Kersey) to cover the pulpette cushion vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item for makeing the cushion viij$^{d}$

1612 for peuter potts for the comunion iiij$^{s}$
John Hopper for seting up the benches and for planckes of them vij$^{s}$
Item for bread & wyne one Maundy Thursday xij$^{d}$ ob.
for mending a charnell for a doare for one of the seates iiij$^{d}$

1613 Item payd to Rychard Cunstable at twoe payments for Jayle money xxj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1615 It for making the p'sentment at the Archbishops visitacon j$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It for 5 formes the 17$^{th}$ of August for the Church iiij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

1619 To Sotherden for whipping the doges out of y$^{e}$ churche iiij$^{d}$
To Thomas Hopper for the whip iij$^{d}$
[During this period, Dogs must have been numerous and troublesome, as it required an official, armed with, a whip to drive them out of church.]
P$^{d}$ 28 Oct. for to yards and a halfe a quarter of Green clothe xxiiij$^{s}$ v$^{d}$
For 7½ ounces of Green silcke frenge at 2/6 per once xviij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
for making of itt ij$^{s}$

1622 Unto Travellers coming from the Palsgraves country l$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$
Item to ye Ringers on ye kings majestyes coronation 7$^{d}$

1623 Account of Richard Pell.
For a church bible and bringing it from London 2£ 1s 0d
John Rabbet for mending the dogs of the third bell & helping to new hang him 1s
1624 for the statute booke 2s 8d
It for jaile money 11s 1d
To the Joyner for the deske dore 2s 6d
It for the iron for the diall 1s 6d
Item for eight gallons of Muskadell 1£ 12s 0d
1625 Account of Saunder Haffenden, Churchwarden.
For two Prayer bookes and a booke of Articles 2s 6d
1626 For two bookes of Thanksgiving 1s 4d
1627 July 29. To Bury for lashing the dogs out of the church for one quarter 1s
For a booke for the prayer day & fast 1s
1628 Aug 12. For a booke of Cannons 1s 6d
Oct 23. To Richard Jones prisoner to the Turkes for the Redemption of him, and his foure companions 3s
1630 To Mr. Elcy for his dinner 1s 4d (i.e at the Visitation at Ashford)
Item paid for a praier booke for the Queen April ye 22d 1d
Paid for the key for the poore mans box 23 of June 6d
1632 To John Rabit for ringing the sermon bell 6d
1633 July 24. Pd for ye cōunion table ij s 3d
Berry for whipping the dogges 1,
[Visitation articles dated 13 Charles I (1637) require that the communion table should be enclosed, and ranged about with a rail of joiners & turners work, close enough to keep dogs from entering.]
Pd Richard Bull for bringing the booke of exercise on ye Sabboth 6d
1634 George Haffenden and John Marler, Churchwardens.
Two hundred paveinge tiles 1£ 4s
Laid out at the visitation for the booke of Articles & for our oath 3s
1635 It for a flagoon for the cōunion 8s
,, ,, ,, carpet for the comunion table 1£ 7s 3d
Apl 15 It. to Rich Southernden for bringeing a runlet of wine 6d

1636 The Goods of the Church of Smarden :—
In p'mis of the parish Stocke 40£
It for good kine belongeinge to the pish 12£
It One Silver chalice and silver cover for the cōunion. One Pewter fflaggon, two quart pots, on pint pot, all of pewter, two botles on holdinge three quarts, the other a potle of pewter, one wicker botle of a potle.

It. A large green Carpet for the Comunion table.

„ „ surplice, & a cushion for the pulpit with a green cloth, and another green cloth for the deske.

A great church Bible, a Booke of comon prayer, a booke of canons, Jewel's workes, a booke of martyrs, and Erasmus paraphrase.

When the above Inventory is compared with that of the previous Century, the Prophet's lamentation may be literally applied "thy silver is become dross." (Isaiah i. 22.)

1701 Pd the aparitor for a order of a Prayer Book 2s

„ „ „ for a proclemation & Prayer Book 2s

1702 prayer about the princes soesia (seizure) 1s

Item given to the ringers December the 3rd day being a rejoycing day 5s

Pd for a prayer Booke 2s 6d

Paid for Goale money for on yeere 2£ 2s 0d

1703 Pd the aparitor for a prayer Book for the deliverance of the high wind 2s

Pd the aparitor for a breafe & prayer book for the ffast 2s

Item given the ringers to ring upon ye queens crownacon day 5s

1704 John Mungham for his saxons wagges and looking after the Clock and other worke 1£ 9s 4d

Item gave the ringers upon the thanksgiven day 1s

Item pd. for a prayer Book for thanksgiven day 2s

Pd. Henry Philpott for Clock line 6d

1705 Item paid for a Proclamation & prayer book 2s

„ „ Thomas Perrin his bill of iron work about the church & for looking after the clock 2£ 5s 0d

Item Spent upon the Ringers at the thanksgiving day 3s

1707 Item Goale money for the whole year 2£ 2s

1708 Item for two praier books for ye thanksgiving 4d

„ „ Expences a going ye Bounds 14s

for ye New Bible & Common Prayer Book & fetching 3£ 0s 6d

1710 for expenses a going the Bounds £1.

Gave ye Ringers thanksgiving day 2s

1711 for a Book of Directions 1s

1712 Item pd ye summer for a Book of Articles 1s

1713 Item paid for a prayer Book & proclamation 1s

Item gave ye ringers when the peace was proclaimed 5d (Treaty of Utrecht.)

To Carter for 8 gallons of milk used about ye church 1s

Mr. Wade for ye commandents & painting ye church & diall 24£

Jo. Ottaway for making a frame for ye table of marriages 1s 6d
Pd. for a book of Hommilies, and a table of Marriages 9s 6d
(many gifts to soldiers & seamen mentioned)

1714 Item paid for two prayer books 2s
„ spent when ye king came home 19s 6d
„ „ „ ye king was proclaimed 7s 6d
„ „ „ we put out ye church to ceile 1s 6d
„ gave the Ringers when ye king was crowned 2s 6d
„ „ ye „ on thanksgiving day 2s 6d

1715 Item Goale money for ye year 2£ 2s
„ gave the ringers at ye kings coronation day 3s
„ for a new Common Prayer Book 17s

1717 „ spent upon the ringers ye 1st of August 5s 6d
„ for expences the princes birthday 2s 6d
„ for a new Common Prayer Book 1£ 10

1718 March ye 24 Pd. Mr. Hughes for wainscott 2£ 3s 6d
pd for bringing ye wainscoot from Maidstone 4

1719 For foure pulcats heads 4d

1720 For a hedge hog 1d

1721 Spent when the Colonel (Otway) came home 5s

1723 Gave for the Act of Parliament against cursing & swaring 6d
[A great number of gifts to seamen from 1s to 4d being given to each.]
Goal money for the year 2£ 2s
Gave to the ringers on ye princes birthday 1s

1725 for colouring a seat &c. 1£ 4s 0d

1726 Gave ringers on Gunpowder treason 2s 6d

1727 Spent & gave the ringers when the King was proclaimed 1£ 1s 0d
Pd. Mr. Ward for Valuation of the Gallery 1£ 1s
Pd. John & Matthew Ottaway in part for the new seats, fencing in the churchyard, and shingles as appears by bill 69£ 9s 9d

1728 For Vermins heads 5s 0d
Gave ringers on the Kings proclamation day 5s
„ „ „ „ „ coronation 5s

1730 Jno Gurr for a foxes head 1s 0d
Spent when we new sett the Dial 1s

1731 Spent when the Vane was took down 5s
Gilding the Vane and painting the iron work 16

1732 John Gurr for a badger 1s
for a Pulcatt 2d. Pd for a New Common prayer Book for Minister 14s 6d

1733 Spent when we went the Bounds a second time 15ˢ
Tho Hogben for drawing & writing the sentences in the church 2£
[This refers to eight texts painted on oval panels, whereof two were placed on the East, and two on the West walls of the Church. They were removed in 1869.]
1734 Paid the proctor for swearing 2ˢ
1735 For gilding the hand of the Clock & paint for the dial plate 10ˢ 6ᵈ
1736 Spent when the gates were hung up at the church Porch 2ˢ 9ᵈ
Pd. Mr. Pope for an Otter 1ˢ
1737 Mr. Giles for a martins head 1ˢ [marten, a small weasle]
For a new common prayer book for the Church 16ˢ
Pd. for the paper to alter common prayer at the marriage of prince 1ˢ
[Book missing.]
1786 Item Henry Cheesman a bit of iron to the dial 6ᵈ
„ for 8 hat pins put up in the church 8ᵈ
For 1490 Sparrow Heads 1£ 11ˢ 0ᵈ
1787 A form of prayer for the king 1ˢ 6ᵈ
1788 A 4ᵈ Rate produced £42. 0. 2.
Spent a going the bounds of yᵉ Parish 1£ 1ˢ
Mr. Stone as per Bill for Tiles 3£ 10ˢ
1789 For a Prayer for the Kings recovery 1ˢ
„ „ „ „ „ „ Thanksgiving 1ˢ
Paid for 1316 Sparrows at 3ᵈ per doz. 1£ 7ˢ 5ᵈ
Item Pd Henry Ottaway for carriage of the slate from Faversham to Smarden 7£
Pd Mrs. Ottaway for washing the Church & cleaning the steeple & cleaning after ye whitewashers 5ˢ
1791 Jno Crittenden &c for cleaning snow from off ye sealing (ceiling) 9ˢ
1794 A Proclamation & Prayer Book for the fast 1ˢ 8ᵈ
1795 Paid for two prayer books for ye fast 1ˢ 2ᵈ
Pd. for a form of prayer for the Princess of Wales 1ˢ
1796 Pd. for a form of prayer or Thanksgiving for the preservation of his Majesty 1ˢ
for Thanksgiving for ye delivery of ye princess of Wales, & a prayer for a fast 2ˢ
1798 For a thanksgiving prayer for the victory obtᵈ by Admiral Duncan 1ˢ
Order for a fast 1ˢ 2ᵈ
Wm. Wood a journey to Ashford making ye return of persons willing to engage in ye war 4ˢ
1799 Pd. for Thanksgiving prayer for yᵉ victory obtᵈ by Admˡ. Nelson 1ˢ
Pd. for one comon prayer Book for the Clerk 12ˢ
1803 Pd. Jno Ottaway writing out the particulars of the Bounds in ye Book 2ˢ
For a form of prayer on his majesty's escape from a treasonable conspiracy 1ˢ 4ᵈ

Jno Eason for carrying the Church Clock to Lenham 5ˢ

1807 An 8ᵈ Church Rate

Robt. Tassells Bill on going the Bounds of the Parish 3ˢ

Jno Allen as p bill for slate £21 6ˢ

1809 Jas Batts Bill going the Bounds of the Parish 4ᴸ 18ˢ 11ᵈ

Pd. for a Copy of the Will of Steph. Dadson 1ᴸ 1ˢ

Pd. N. Newnden for furnishing the Church at Christmas, and making an addition in Boreing holes 2ˢ 6ᵈ

In those days, this season was marked by a few sprigs of holly, stuck at regular intervals, on the top of the high pews, and affixed to the brass candlesticks of the "three decker," *i.e.* pulpit, prayer, and clerk's desks.

At this we now smile, but better far this mode of marking the festivals, than that unhappily now in vogue, when at certain seasons of the year, our fine old Churches are handed over to well-intentioned, but indiscreet so-called "decorators," who in their zeal for questionable embellishment, inflict permanent disfigurement.

As history repeats itself, perhaps with a view to awaken religious life, there may be a revival of the old Passion plays, and Church Ales. During the middle ages, Passion plays were generally acted throughout Kent, particularly in Romney Marsh, whither companies periodically travelled. The adjoining village of Bethersden, had a company of its own, for, from records extant, it appears that in A.D. 1508, a troop of players resorted thither. Other places in the neighbourhood as Chart, Wye, and Halden, were equally celebrated. Their object was to represent to the eye of our illiterate forefathers, (few of whom could read) the great facts recorded in Scripture, especially the chief incidents in our Savior's life. Local brotherhoods generally furnished the actors. We learn from ancient Wills that a "fraternity" existed at Smarden, and some of its members may have taken part with the Bethersden company.

(For an account of such Passion Plays and Interludes, at New Romney and elsewhere, see Archæologia Cantiana XIII, 216.)

1810 Item Hen. Ottaway for whitewashing the front of the Church porch 3ˢ 3ᵈ
1811 for a prayer for plentiful harvest 1ˢ 3ᵈ
Pd. „ „ do for the restoration of his Majesty's health 1ˢ 3ᵈ
1812 Wm. Evenden's Bill respecting the Bounds of the Parish 4£ 6ˢ 10ᵈ
Pd. for a form of Prayer for fast 1ˢ 3ᵈ
It. for a prayer for the king 1ˢ 3ᵈ
1813 Sticking the Church at Christmas 5ˢ
Pd. for a new marriage Book 1£ 1ˢ
1814 Pd. Fras. Norwood as per acct for Petitioning agst. the County Gaol 23£ 16ˢ 6ᵈ
For new Bible 4£ 5ˢ 8ᵈ
1815 For 29 Trushes 2£ 8ˢ 4ᵈ
Furnishing the Church at Christmas 5ˢ
1818 Pd. to the Briefs 6ˢ
Pd. for 69 feet of seat matting 17ˢ 3ᵈ
Clerks salary one year to Easter 1818 5£
1820 Pd. Henry Ottaway for tileing the Poorch &c. 3ˢ
1821 Pd. for an act of Parliament 2ˢ 6ᵈ
1823 Pd. for Marriage Act 1ˢ 3ᵈ
Samˡ. Laws Bill going Bounds 3£ 5ˢ
1824 Pd. Samuel Streater writing the Sentances 1£ 16ˢ
1825 Pearson and Hosmer as per Bill for slating &c. 27£ 8ˢ 10ᵈ
1826 Messr. Hosmers & Pearson Bill for slating 29£ 8ˢ 0ᵈ
1828 Thos Anderson painting & gilding the Church Clock 6£ 2ˢ 6ᵈ
1829 James Large bill for birds 3£ 16ˢ 9½ᵈ
do „ „ „ „ 1£ 4ˢ 10ᵈ
1830 do „ „ „ „ 7£ 6ˢ 2ᵈ
1832 Half the expences of going the bounds of the Parish £4. 8. 8½.
1833 Edward Belligham as per bill Pulpit & 12£ 15ˢ 0ᵈ
Sep. 21. Repairing the sun dial 2ˢ
[This Dial, placed on a pedestal, near the South Porch, existed as late as 1850.]
1835 110 Jays, Magpies 7ˢ 2½ᵈ
2191 Sparrows £3. 14. 5½.

[It is evident that birds, and other animals were at one time too numerous, and certain officials were appointed to superintend their extermination. But why should the slaughter of sparrows have been charged to the Church Funds? Was it because an old Book speaks of "Five sparrows being sold for two farthings?"

1838 A Church Rate opposed, but carried by a majority of eight in favour of same.
1840 "Visited this Church Sep. 4. I cannot but observe that the inside of this Church is extremely dirty, and seems to have been very much neglected for some time past, &c. Signed Alfred Lawrence. Rural Dean."

[This witness must have been most true, for all recollections of the fabric prior to its complete restoration in 1869, confirm the justice of the foregoing report.]

1847 "At a visitation the attention of the churchwardens was specially called to the damp state of the walls of the Church, and it was recommended that steps be taken by means of drains to carry off the water from the roof.

Benj. Harrison, Archdeacon."

1856 Archdeacon Harrison visited the Church 31 July, and suggested "the desirability of a re-arrangement of the Church, opening the Roof, and Western Tower."

1867 May 15. Edward Moore, the Rural Dean observed that the "interior fittings were in a sad state of dilapidation."

1870 Sep. 21. The same Church Dignitary remarks:—"I have great pleasure in congratulating the Parishioners upon a most successful, and complete restoration of their very fine old Church." Edward Moore, Rural Dean."

## PARISH COWS.

Bequests of Cows, for religious, and charitable purposes, are frequently met with in early Wills, particularly in those of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. From Parochial records still extant, Parish Cows appear to have been common in Kent, and certainly at Hawkhurst, Sandhurst, and elsewhere. (Archæologia Cantiana. v. 63.) Particulars upon this subject, as far as our town is concerned, are minutely given at the end of the oldest Churchwardens' Book, where Memoranda relating to "Kine" are carefully entered. It appears the money was entrusted with the Parish Officers, who, having obtained good security, lent small sums to poor men to purchase cows, the capital being repaid by instalments, together with interest for the "ferme" or loan.

"The accompte of all the beastes from January 1. 1582, videlt for the ffowre kine that weare bequethed, by the last will & testament of James Lake, to the use of ffowre poore men in the prishe for ever, & of the suerties names that became suertie for the saf deliverye of the beasts agayne as foloweth: 1583, In primis Richard Welles becometh suertie for one kowe, in the tenure of Xrofer Chusman, to answere the cowe again after his decesse.

Itm. Philip Eyerst, suertie for one good cowe for this year (1583) in tenure of R. Scranton.

1583 Osmond Norton for Thomas Skott.

„ Xrofer Newenden for Xrofer Mills.

It appears the same individuals were allowed to enjoy the said cows year after year. Thus in 1584. Richard Wells became suertie for one in the tenure of C. Cheesman; Robert Pell for R. Scranton; Osmond Norton for Skott; and Edward Pell for one in the tenure of John Quested.

[Similar entries appear.]

1569 Ite for a copye for poore mens kene vj$^{d}$

1589 Pd. to Mr. Draner for writinge the last Churchwardens accompte & for regestringe of the keene xvj$^{d}$ (Churchwardens' Accounts)

1594 For registringe the keene &c xvj$^{d}$

1599 For registringe the kyne xvj$^{d}$

The subjoined names show who became sureties to the Churchwardens, for the full and just sume of three pounds of good and lawfull mony of England, or instead thereof, a good sufficient & vendable Cowe worth the said sum.

1608 George Poste of Smarden, broadweaver, & John Traye, yeoman, stand bound to the Churchwardens, for one kowe, in the keepinge of the sayd George Poste, to answer the same kowe, or another sufficient kow in her round at the yeares end ending the xxvj Ap. 1608.

[There are numerous similar memoranda]

1626 To Saunder Haffenden for keeping the parishes cow 23 weeks 1$^{£}$ 3$^{s}$ 0$^{d}$

1628 May 26 Payd for a parish cow to Leonex Barling of Ulcome, att Lenham fayre 3$^{£}$ 5$^{s}$ 0$^{d}$

Wm. Browne & Anne Care widow, indebted to Wm. Sharpe & Robt. Tanton Chwardens for three pounds, or instead thereof, one good cow, well in flesh, vendible & lawfull, according to the agreement betwixt Mr. Thos Lakes, & the parishioners as may appeare in the certain paper, a Copy of the original & lying in the poore mans box, neere unto the South porch, of the church of Smarden. Dated 20$^{th}$ of May 1632. Edw Henshaw.

1636 It four good kine belonging to the pish 12$^{£}$

1712 Item lent Abraham Cornes by ye pishoners consent, three pounds to buy him a cow 3$^{£}$ 0$^{s}$ 0$^{d}$

1714 Pd. John Edmett one yeares rent for Widd Isteed ending Lady day, & for keeping her cow till y$^{t}$ time 3$^{£}$ 12. 0. (Poor Book).

1730 Pd. Mr. Woollett for a cow of Goodmn Dranners which was distrain'd for Rent due at Michas last 4$^{£}$ 0$^{s}$ 0$^{d}$

1740 Pd. Mr. Maxted for the Hire of a Cow for a year 12$^{s}$

„ Pd. John Munn for keeping Thos King's Cow half a year 1$^{£}$ 10$^{s}$

„ The Parish agrees to keep a Cow for Tho King, of John Munn's for a year; for 3$^{£}$.

1752 April 17. An agreement that Thos Farley, one of the Churchwardens, is to let Thos Gilbert senr. have a cow, and keep her for one year, and the parish is to give the said Thos Farley, for the keep of the Cow, and the hire together for one year from the 21st of last March, four pounds and four shillings (Vestry Orders).

1777 Pd. Jno Woolley for one year's rent, and cow keep for Robt Russell 2. 12. 0
Pd. Mr. Russell for a sack of oats for Thos Read 8ˢ 0ᵈ
„ „ Woolley for a sack of oats & a sack of barley for Rob Russell 1. 1. 0
more carring & recaring to mill 3ˢ
Pᵈ Richᵈ Turk keeping James Turk's cow half a year due May 25. 2. 0. 0

1780 By an Order in Vestry Mr. Austen let James Turk have a cow at 2ˢ a week.

1789 For keeping Wm. Westover cow half year 2ᴸ 10ˢ (Poor Book)

## OVERSEERS' BOOKS.

**Few Parochial Histories give the Overseers' Books, and Poor Relief Accounts, the attention they deserve, for much local information may be obtained from their careful perusal: obsolete words are to be found, and many interesting facts noted, in connection with the relief of the Poor.**

1629 Payd to Goodwife Pell for meate, and a soakinge sheet, and to Rabbit for soakinge and Layinge of her forth and buryall &c 1ˢ 8ᵈ (This refers to the Socking or burial sheet. Wood's Athenæ Oxon. pt. 1.)

1631 Paid Goodie Pell for a tovette of Barley meale for Wm. Collins 22 May 2ˢ 6ᵈ

1635 A Sesse made for reliefe of the poore after the rate of a pennie the aker.
(Here appear the Signatures of Sir Anthonij Deering and Edward Deering.)

1636 Pd. for one ½ ell of Canvis to sock Añ Owens, 2ˢ 0ᵈ
„ Paid for watching and for socking of her to Widow Mongham 1ˢ
„ For 3 lb of beefe for Wid Powell 6ᵈ

1638 May 13, Paid Thomas Drayner to by him a grist 2ˢ 6ᵈ
„ Paid Widdow Pell for canvis to make Drayners girl a chainges 1ˢ 11ᵈ

1640 Pd. for sockinge and buringe of Debora Hiks and for a sockinge Cloth & bringing of her to Church 5ˢ 9ᵈ
„ To Sander Draner for keeping his brother's girl 10 weeks 13ˢ 4ᵈ

1642 To John Drayner for a payer of Shoes for Thomas Drayner's girl 1ˢ 8ᵈ

1653 Jan 6 Item paid for a Register booke for entring of all Publications, Marriages, Births and Buriall within this pish of Smarden appointed to bee provided by a late acte of Parliament 15ˢ

„ Pd. Mr. Vaughan for Phisicke administered to Wid Berry when she was sicke 11ˢ 11ᵈ

1654 To John Lambe for poling Wid Riches hops 2ᵈ

„ To James Dixon for letting Widd Cox blood 1ˢ 0ᵈ

1659 For one paire of Skines for linings and canvas and Lockerum and buttons &c and a collar for John Turner sute 4ˢ 4ᵈ (Lockram, a kind of cheap linen.)

*Goods of Phillipp Sotherns deceased by the Churchwardens :—*

It sould Simon Clinch one tinder box 4ᵈ

——— Thomas Hopper a ould Trendell 6ᵈ

——— Maylham one pillowcoat 2ᵈ

——— one bedstedle

——— W. Sothernden one porenger 3ᵈ

1662 To George Burton senr. towards the buying of commodities to load his horse, to keep forth a trade therewith, for his better livelihood 5ˢ

This above is interesting, as showing the Parish Officers occasionally furnished funds to enable some of the poor to help themselves.

1662 Pd. to Geo Dawkins for keeping Anne Turner a month 4ˢ

„ Pd. for letting her blood and for mending her shooes 1ˢ

„ — — a Tammy (tamine, a sort of woollen cloth) cap for Margaret Cornes.

„ An ell of Lockrum to make her caps (Sus. Cox.) 1ˢ 2ᵈ

„ Pd Thomas Hopper for the Gaole Moneyes newly raysed upon this pish (above the former rate & proportion) by order of the sessions 10ˢ 10ᵈ

1663 Matthew Hartnupp for Phisicke for the Poore 13ˢ

1666 Pd. for the warrant to dismisse the Faire because the plague was much at Maidstone and some other places in this county 1ˢ

1670 For 3¾ yds. of Cersey to make Henry Clagget a coat Breeches & waskoat 10ˢ

1700 For Daniell Rainer Coffin 3ˢ. for laying him forth & for affidavid 3ˢ. for one pound of woolle to sock him in 8ᵈ

1715 For a pint of sack for Mat Austen 3ˢ

1725 Gave Goody Little for ffootling Mary Cat's stockings 6ᵈ

1729 Gave Scoon's son to buy a round frock 2ˢ 6ᵈ

(A poor Sess made 27 May 1730 after the rate of 6ᵈ in £. The Rev. Mr. Bedford for the Rectory 18 Rent——9ˢ)

1732 Wm. Pope a Tovett of Wheat 1ˢ 6ᵈ

1733 Pd. goody Dabson & goody Ransom for doing for goodm Haffenden, for setting up & wool for burying him in 5ˢ 6ᵈ

Pd. Mr. Lucas for making Haffenden's coffin 8ˢ

1739 Pd. Mr. Willard the Collector for 2 half years King's Taxes for Matt Wood 16': more for a years Window Tax 2'

1745 For John Dickson's keep & Beer while he was at the Checker 8' 7$^{d}$

1748 Four Letters Concerning the Distemper amongst the Horned cattle 2' 4$^{d}$

1755 Poor Rate was 10$^{d}$ in £

1762 Pd. for bread for the small pox house 5' 2$^{d}$

1764 Gave a travelling woman with a Pass 1' 6$^{d}$

1776 For laying forth Will Cook 1'
for the after David (affidavit) 1'

1800 Wm. Jell for hog corn for Thos. Springate 15' 0$^{d}$

1811 Pd. for oath respecting the population 1'

1812 Brimstone and treacle for the boys at Mrs. Eason's 4½$^{d}$

„ Pd. for the Standard weights and Measures 6$^{£}$ 10$_{s}$

„ Gave two women with passes 2' 0$^{d}$

## VESTRY ORDERS.

### The oldest Vestry Book dates from 1744.

1791 A vestry agreed and impowered Mr. Thos Hinds and others to purchase a messuage and land in Smarden for the use of the Parish.

1796 A Public meeting was held April 11 in the Parish Church, and it was agreed that John Woolley the present Guardian of the Poor should immediately purchase a messuage, buildings, and eleven acres of land for the reception of the poor, and sell the present workhouse and land.

1814 April 12. Agreed to build a vestry room adjoining the Church.

1829 Agreed to stop George Parks &c. pay on account of their dogs, every dog that is kept a week or any longer time shall not have their pay, or during the time they kepe the said dog.

A Publick Vestry to consider the best means of imploying the men, on work such as draining, ditching, one man to forty-five pounds assessment and so on in proportion.

1830 June 17. "An Inventory taken of Widow Parks household by Thos: Huntley, assistant Overseer." Firepan, tongs, & bellows, 8 chairs, worming pan trivet and pot hooks, 3 Porage Pots, a lantorn, 2 beds, &c., 4 sheets and 4 blankets, &c.

"I widow Parks hereby agree to give all the above mentioned to the Parish of Smarden at my decease.

Witness my hand, The mark of Wid. Parks ×."

1832 A labor rate from £4 rental and upwards made 15 November for the better employment of the agricultural labourers in Smarden. Rate 2' in £.

1833 21 Nov. Public meeting held at the Chequers Inn
It was agreed to follows :—

1. Every person rated at £40 to employ one man, at £70 two men, £100 three men.
2. Those not fulfilling this agreement to pay a 2 shilling rate.
3. This agreement to take place from 21 Nov. 1833, to 21 Feb. 1834.

Signed by
James Cornes,
James Homewood, } Churchwardens.

1833 Bill going the Bounds 8£ 16s 1d

1838 May 19. A meeting will be held at the Chequer on Wednesday at 7 p.m., to take into consideration the propriety and best mode of surveying and *Mapping* of this Parish.

1838 Meeting 7 Dec. to consider the propriety of Borrowing money in lieu of Rate for the purpose of defraying the expences of the Survey and Map of the Parish, Isaac Mossop. Rector.

1839 March 21. £50 was raised by the Parish to assist in emigration.

1840 £100 raised to assist the emigration of Poor Persons.

1840 A Church Rate was refused, but in consequence of a severe storm, which did great damage to the Church windows, a rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$d was granted under the existing emergency.

1851 Meeting of the Vestry Easter Monday, John Pearson was appointed the Minister's, and Henry Wood the Parish Churchwarden, F. F. Haslewood, Curate.

1857 Oct. 29. The Rural Dean, Rev. E. Moore of Frittenden visited the Church.

1869 Jan. 21. Vestry Meeting held to consider plans for Restoration and Re-pewing of the Church and applying for a faculty.

## TURNER CHARITY.

This relates to Coats and Wheat, to be annually distributed among the poor of Smarden, and paid for from the rent accruing from a house and land in Pluckley.

The Indenture, whereby Jacob Turner made over this gift in his lifetime, to certain Trustees, may be found in the "Antiquities of Smarden." (Pages 88, 95.)

These entries appear in the Book containing the Minutes relating to the Charity.

"An account of all such moneys as shall be, from time to time, received for Rent, for the house and land in Pluckley, and now in the possession of George Philpott, and which was given by Mr. Jacob Turner, by deed dated Feb. 10, 1686, to the use of the poore of Smarden.

The account of Mr. Thomas Marshall, for halfe a yeares rent due at Lady day 1687. Received of Geo. Philpott £3. 10. wch. sum was paid unto the said Mr. Jacob Turner, in full discharge of moneys paid by the said Mr. Turner for the purchase of the house and land more than the 100£.

1688. The account of Mr. Thomas Haffenden for a yeares rent due at Lady day 7£.

1689. Account of Christopher Fullager. Robert Pell was paid $3^{£}$ $3^{s}$ $0^{d}$ for 18 yards of cloath for six coats: and four seames of wheat were distributed amongst forty persons, who had a tovett each, after which there remained one seame and four bushels in hand.

## ARCHIEPISCOPAL REGISTERS.

The Archbishops' Registers at Lambeth, are of great value, as supplying much information concerning the Rectors, whose Biographies have already appeared.

1279 3 Kal. April, apud Thatebro dñs contulit ecclm de Sm̃dene J. DE LEWES vacante p resigcom magtri J. DE BESTANE. (Peckham, fol. 48. b.)

1288 Id. Novembris, apd Slindone, conlit dñs Archiepŝ eccam de Clive (Clyffe-at-hoo) magro JOHI DE BESTANE, pbro et instituit eundem Magistrum J. in eadem &c. (Peckham, fol. 38 a: Archæologia Cantiana xv, 259.)

1281 2. Id. Maij dns contulit eccliam de Sm̃edenn de jure & de facto vacantem et ad presentat suū et collom̃ et spectantem DAVID DE ESTDENE &c. (Peckham. fol. 51. a.)

1310 xv. Kal Junij dns contulit eccliam de Smerdenne vacantem & ad suam collom & patronatum spectantem magro WILLO DE HALEBERGH presbitro. (Winchelsey, fol. 47. b.)

1312 6. Kal. Nouembr. apud Lambeth admisit dñs ROBM DE SUNDEHAM presbrm̃ ad ppetuā vicariam ecclie de Smerdenne Cant Dioc vacantem & ad presentatoem Abbis &c de Lesnes. (Winchelsey, fol. 58. a.)

1373 9 Die Mensis Aprilis apud Altam Cleram ven in Xpo pat dñs Willms dei gra Epūs Wint vice &c dni Archiep̃i contulit dno JOHN D SHUPTON presbro eccliam poch de Smerden patronat & dioc dni p resignacoem dni JOHIS PEVESEY ultum rectoris ejusdem ex causa permuta de dic eccliā cū ppositura capelle Ste Elizabeth juxta Wynt, Wynt dioc vacant. (Witlesey, fol. 93. b.)

1375 4 Id. Octob. permutaconis inter JOHEM WYSBECHE rectorem ecclie poch de Smerdenne Cantuar Dioc &. dnm̄ RICM DEPDALE Rectorem ecclie poch de Gyng atte petram London Dioc. Dat apud London (Sudbury, fol. 115. b.)

1375 9. Kal. Octob. apud Lamh dn̄s contulit Eccliam de Smerden sue dioc vacantem & ad suam presentacom sive collom̄ pleno jure spectantem JOHI CRESSINGHAM clico suo familiari intuitu caritatis. (Sudbury, fol. 115. a.)

1376 17 die mensis Octob in hospicio dni Dunolm̄ Epī apud Cherrynge juxta Westministr, Permutacois inter dnōs JOHEM BOURYNG Rtorem ecclie poch de Smerden patronatus & dioc dni et dnm̄ JOHEM ATTE LEE Rtorem ecclie de Ellewyk Dunolm dioc ac canonicū ecclie colleg de Langchestre dce Dunolm̄ dioc pbendariumque prebende de Medinesse in eadem &c. (Sudbury, fol. 119. a.)

1379 Commissio directa Mag Joh de Barnett officiali curie Cant John Codeforde & Edmundo de Stafford, L.L.D. ad cognoscend & procedend in causa inter dnm̄ Warinum de Medeborne presb actorem ex parta una et dnm̄ JOHN ATTE LEE presb rect eccl poch de Smerdenne se pretendentem reum ex altera, de & super jure dict eccle poch et ejus occasione. Dat apud Lameth 2 Id. Maii. (Sudbury, fol. 54. b.)

1383 17 Die Mensis Nov. apud Lambeth dn̄s auctorizavit permutacoem inter dnōs JOHEM ATTE LEE rectorem ecclie de Smerden Cant Dioc et ROBM DERBY rectorem ecclie de Southchirch jurisdiccois dn̄i immediate & ad collat suam spectantes. (Courteney, fol. 252. a.)

1400 Receptum fuit certificatorium dn̄i Henrici Lyncoln Epi de et super expedicione permutationis inter dnōs THOMAS PRESTON Rectorem ecclesie poch de Smerden Cant Dioc et SIMONEM HOKE Rectorem eccle pochialis de Sulde Lincoln. Dat apud Lamebith 10 Die Feb. (Arundel, I. fol. 274. a.)

1400 19 Die Mensis Mārt. apud Cant dnūs auctorizavit permutationem inter Mag ROBERT BROKEMAN alias BROKE de Snergate & SIMONEM HOKE de Smerden eccliā poch rectores & ad collat dn̄i spectantes. (Arundel, I. fol. 275. a.)

1409 5 Die Mensis Jan. apud Lameth dn̄s contulit eccliam poch de Smerden suarum collacois & Diœc p mortem Magistri JOHIS BROKE al BROKEMAN ultimi Rcoris ejusdam vacantem dño WILLO JAKYS capellano. (Arundel, II. fol. 56. b.)

1429 21 Die Mensis Januarij apud Lambith receptū fuit certificatorm̄ dni Sarum Epi sup expedicōe permutacois facte inter dominos GILBERTŪ CREDE ecclie poch de Smerden Cant Dioc et WILLM GOLDSMYTH ecclie pochialis sancti Johannis in villa de Vyse Sar dioc rectores. (Chicheley, fol. 180. a. b.)

1430 22 Die Mensis Septemb dn̄s apud Heighm Ferrers dominus in negocio permutacionis fiende inter dominos WILLM GOLDSMYTH ecclie pochialis de Smerden Cantuar Dioc, et WILLM PALMER ecclie poch de Stedehm Cicestren Dioc sede epali ibidem vacante, et specialitate ejusdem in manibus domin existente ad

presentacionem prioris & conventus monastri Sancti Pancracii de Lewes ordinis clun dict Cicestren dioc vero &c. (Chicheley, fol. 184. b.)

1443 26 Die Mensis Jan. apud Lambeth dñs expedivit negotium permutationis facte inter dños THOMAM DANBY de Mungeham Magna Cant Diœc et WILLM PALMER de Smerden ejusdem Diœc eccl poch rectorem. (Stafford, fol. 75. b.)

1444 9 Die Men. Sept. in manerio de Croydon dñs contulit SIMON HOGGES clico eccliam poch de Smerden Cant Dioc per mortem domini THOME DANBY ultimi rectoris ibm̄ vacantem et ad sua collaconem pleno jure spectantem. (Stafford, fol. 79. b.)

1472 23 Die Mart dñs contulit dno THOME KYNG capellano eccliam parochialem de Smerden Cant Dioc per resignacoem SIMONIS HOIGGES ultimi Rectoris ibid vacantem. (Bourgchier, fol. 107. b.)

1472 18 Die Mar apud Lamebith dñs contulit Magro SIMONI HOGGES in legibus bacallario ecliam proch de Newchurch Cant Dioc p resignacoem Magri JOHIS PARMENTER ulti rectoris ejusdem. (Bourgchier, fol. 107. b.)

1478 3 Die Sep. dñs contulit dñs ROBERTO FERRYS capellano A.B. eccliam proch de Smerden per mortē dni THOME KYNG ult Rectoris ejusdem. (Bourgchier, fol. 119. a.)

1480 Ultimo Die mensis Junii dñs contulit EDMUNDO GILBERT capno eccliam proch de Smerden per liberam resignacoem ROBERT FERRES ult rector ibm vacant. (Bourgchier, fol. 125. b.)

1482 3 Die Jan. dñs apud Knoll expedivit negotium permutationis inter dnm̄ EDMUND GILBERT de Smerden et WILLM SUTTON de Pensherst eccl poch rectores. (Bourgchier, I. fol. 131. b.)

1498 15 Die Mensis November dñs apud Lameth contulit Mag JOHANNI HOWE A.M. eccliam poch de Smarden Cant Dioc per mortem ultimi incumbentis ibidem vacantem et ad suam collationem pleno jure spectantem. (Bourgchier, II. fol. 166. a.)

1506 8 Die Mensis April apud Lambith dñs contulit Magro ROBERTO WYKYS A.M. eccliam parochialem de Smerden Cant dioc per liberam resignationem Magri ROBERTI ASSCOMBE clerici ultimi incumbentis ibm̄ vacant & ad collationem dñi pleno jure spectantem. (Warham, fol. 327. b.)

1523 7 Die Mensis August apud Lambith dñs contulit GEORGIO SENTLEGER clerico eccliam poch de Smerden Cant Dioc per mortem ultimi incumbentis ibm̄ vacantem ac ad collationem dni pleno jure spectant. (Warham, fol. 378. a.)

1533 26 Die mensis Junii apud Lamebithe dñs contulit Mag OSMUNDO CHUBBE, A.M. eccliam pochem de Smerden Cant Dioc per liberam resignationem Mri GEORGij SEYNTLEGER clici ultimi incumbentis ibm̄ vacantem. (Cranmer, fol. 340. a.)

1551 16 Die Mensis Aprilis apud Lamebith dñs contulit GREGORIO DODDES, sacræ Theologie Baccho Eccliam poch he Smerden Cant. Dioc per mortem OSMUNDI

CHUBBE presbri ultimi Rcoris ejusdem vacant & ad collationem dni pleno jure spectantem. (Cranmer, fol. 416. b.)

1566 16 Die mensis Maii apud Lamebithe dñs contulit RICHARDO FLETCHER clerico A.M. eccl poch de Smarden Cant Dioc per resignationem Mag GREGORII DODDES, S. T. B ultimi rectoris ibid vacantem & ad collationem dni pleno jure spectantem. (Parker, I. fol. 377. a.)

1584 2 Feb. JOHANNES FOTHERBY clicus admissus fuit ad vicariam perpetuam ecclie parochis de Hedcorne Cant Dioc. (Whitgift, I. fol. 114. b.)

1585 19 Die mensis Feb dñs contulit Magr JOHES FOTHERBY clicus in Artibus magister admissus fuit ad eccliam Parochem de Smerden Cant Dioc. (Whitgift. I. fol. 127. a.)

1619 21 Die April dñs contulit ROBERTO ELY clico in artibus magro ecclesiam pochialem de Smerden, Cantuarien Dioc per mortem JOHANNIS FOTHERBY, ultimi Rectoris ibm̄ vacan & ad collat dni Cant Archiepi pleno jure spectantem, subscriptis prius per eum Articulis de quibus in Synodo London 1562, et tribus illis Articulis 1604. (Abbot. II. fol. 312. a.)

1662 3 Oct. Reverendissimus in Christo Pater ac dñs Gulielmus Cant Archiepus &c. contulit ROBERTO COLE clerico rectoriam ecclesiæ parochialis de Smarden in com et dioc Cant jam legitime (ut dicitur) vacant, et ad collationem dicti reverendissimi Patris pleno jure spectant, subscriptis prius per eum artis de quibus in Synodo Londinen &c consensum est anno domini 1562 juxta &c et tribus illis artis mentionat in 36 capitulo libri Canonum &c anno domini 1604 edit &c. prestitoque per eum juramento tam de agnoscendo regiam supremam potestatem &c juxta formam statuti &c nec non de canonica obniā &c quam de Symonia non commissa &c juxta canonem &c. ipsumque Rtorem ejusdem ac in et de eadem instituit &c. cum suis juribus &c juribus archiepalibus Cant et eccliæ Cathis et Metropolitatæ Christi Cant dignitate et honore in omnibus semper salvis et acceptata per eum cura animarum &c scriptum fuit. (Juxon, fol. 138. a.)

Recepto mandato Reu$^{mi}$ geren dat tertio die mensis Octobris Anno dni 1662 emt induccō unisis &c. ad inducend mrum Robertum Cole clicum sacræ theologiæ Bacchum̄ in Rectoriam eccliæ pōialis de Smarden Arch Cant dudum ut dicitur vacan et ad donacoem̄ sive collacoem dni Reu$^{mi}$ pris pleno jure spectan. Emt inducco decimo quarto die instant Octobris 1662. (Inductions at Canterbury 1662—1792. p. 6.)

1660 Robertus Cole sacræ Theologiæ Bachalarius vicarius de Beatrisden 3 Nov. fuit inductus. (Bethersden Parish Register.)

1667 16 Mart dñs contulit RICHARDO RANDS M.A. Rectoriam eccliæ de Smarden vacan & spectan subscriptis prius per eum articulis de quibus in Synodo London &c. consensum est anno dni 1562 et tribus illis articulis in tricesimo sexto caplo Libri Canonum A.D. 1604. (Sheldon, fol. 334. a.)

Recepto mandato Rev$^{mi}$ et geren dat decimo sexto die mensis Martii Anno dni 1667, Emt inducio universis et ad inducend mrūm RICHARDUM RANDS clicum in artibus mrūm ad Rtoriam eccliæ poialis de Smarden archinat Cant per mortem nralem ultimi vicarii ibm iam vacan, et ad donacoem̄ sive collacoem̄ ipius R$^{mi}$ pr̄is et pleno jure spectan prius iurat ad tra et tam et quam et emt inducco decimo die mensis Martii anno dni 1667.

Recepto mandato & 16 Martii 1667 emt inducco ad inducend RICHARDUM RANDS, A.M. ad vicariam eccliæ de Bethersden per mortem ultimi vicarii ibm iam vacan &c emt inducco 19 Martii 1667. (Inductions at Registrar's office, Canterbury. p. 20.)

1667 Richardus Rands vicarius de Bethersden in plenam, realem et perpetuam possessionem ejusdem vicariæ de Bethersden A.D. predicto vicessimo quarto die Martii per Jonathanem Crawford Rectorem de Halden legitime fuit inductus in p'sentia Parochiæ de Bethersden.

1669 26 Julii dn̄s contulit JONATHANO WHISTON, M.A. recoriam eccliæ de Smarden Can Diœc vacant. Eodem die dn̄s contulit JONATHANO WHISTON M.A. vicariam de Bethersden, com. Cantij. (Sheldon, fol. 339. b.)

Recepto mandato 26 Julii 1669, emt inducco universis &c ad inducend mrūm JONATHAN WHISTON A.M. ad rtoriam eccliæ de Smarden iam vacan. Emt inducco 9 Augusti.

Recepto mandato 26 Julii I669 emt inducco ad inducend mrum JONATHAN WHISTON ad vicariam eccliæ de Bethersden &c. Emt inducco 9 Aug, (Inductions at Canterbury, p. 23.)

Jonathan Whiston Northamtoniæ natus, Cantabrigiæ bonis & ingenuis literis aliquantulum imbutus ibiq in Artibus Magistri gradum quamvis immerito adeptus, quatuor post annos sine linea transactis (proh dolor μεγα πημα) in ordinem Sacerdotalem descriptus, tandemq favore ac munificentiâ maxime Reverendi quod Sacra patris Domini Gilberti Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi ecclesiæ in Pago, qui videtur a solo suo depressiore ac indigenâ quâdam sanctâ Beatrice nomen Bethersden traxisse, vicarius designatus, à Ricardo Rands populari suo, antecessore dignissimo et amico sibi a teneris unquiculis charissimo fdibus sextilis anno Æræ Christianæ scilicet 1669 in Templum Bethersdense intromissus, plenam realem et actualem possessem ecclesiæ Bethersdensis antedictæ simul cu fure (fruare) ad omnia et singula emolumenta proventus ac privilegia ad ejusdem vicarium pertinentia pro more ac institutis ecclesiæ Anglicanæ sibi obtinuit, idq spectantibus Parochianoru ejusdem Parœciæ Bethersdensis nonnullis, quorum nomina Literis inductoriis subscripta penes se tenet.

Hocce scriptu fortassis in qua plurima secula duraturu nisi fæda Barbaries & Atheotes, quod D O M. avertat ecclesias Britannicas, quod jamjum minantur illuvie sua scrit obruituræ rudiore stilo exaravit Jonathan Whiston. (Bethersden Register.)

1697 26 Jan. dñs contulit HENRICO PARSLEY M.A. Rectoriam de Smarden Cantuar Diœc per mortem J. WHISTON vacant. (Tenison, I. fol. 197. b.)

Recepto mandato R$^{mi}$ &c Thomæ &c 26 Jan. 1697, emt Inducco universis &c &c ad inducendum mrūm HENRICUM PARSLEY, A.M. ad Rtoriam de Smarden p mortem JOHIS WHISTON ultimi Rtoris ibm jam vacant &c. Emt inductio 20 die Aprilis. 1698.

Recepto mandato &c ultimo die Aprilis 1698 emt Inductio universis &c ad inducendum mrūm HENRICUM HUGHES A.M. ad vicariam de Beathersden vacan per mortem J. WHISTON &c. Emt inductio octavo die Junii 1698. (Inductions at Canterbury, p. 68.)

1710 13 Mart, dñs contulit SIMONI HUGHES M.A. Rectoriam de Smarden Cant dioc per mortem HENRICI PARSLEY vacant. (Tenison, II. fol. 204. b.)

Recepto Mandato &c. decimo tertio die Martii 1710, ad inducend Mrum SIMONEM HUGHES A.M. ad rector eccliam de Smarden per mortem HENRICI PARSLEY, ultimi incumbentis, ibm jam vacan. &c. Emanavit inductio 17 Martij 1710. (Inductions at Canterbury, p. 85.)

Recepto mandato &c triccsimo die Martii 1711 emanavit inducēo universis &c ad inducendum mrūm THOMAM MURIELL A.B. ad vicariam de Beathersden, per cession SIMONI HUGHES ultim vicarij ibm jam vacan et ad nram donaconem pleno jure spectan. Emanavit inductio 3 tio die Aprilis 1711. (p. 85.)

Recepto mandato &c 28 Aug. 1704, Emt inductio universis ad inducendum Magistrum SIMONEM HUGHES A.M. ad vicariam eccliæ pocalis de Beathersden p. mortem naturalem HENRICI HUGHES ult vicarij jam vacan &c Emt inductio 2 Sep. 1704. (p. 75.)

Recepto mandato vicesso nono die Augusti 1704, emt inductio &c ad inducendum Henricum Bagnall ad Rectoriam ecclie de Falknerhurst als Hurst p. mortem naturalem HENRICI HUGHES ult Rectoris &c. Emt inductio 1 Sept. 1704. (p. 75.)

Recepto mandato 24 Novembris 1719 Emt inductio ad inducend SIMONEM HUGHES, A.M. ad vicar eccliæ paroalis de Hackington per mortem Johannis Bradock ultimi vicar ibm jam vacan &c. Emt inductio 27 Nov. 1719. (Page 100.)

## *PARISH REGISTER AT WOODCHURCH.*

1700 Mrs Catherine Hughes wife of Henry Hughes Rector was buried July 19.

1728 9 Sep. dñs contulit GULIELMO BEDFORD M.A. rectoriam de Smarden Cant Diœc per mortem SIMONIS HUGHES ultimi rectoris. vacant. (Wake. II. LXV. 93. f. 247. a. b.)

1784 On receiving a mandate from his grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury bearing date 27 March, a mandate issued forth from the official general of the Archdeacon's Court of Canterbury, to all and singular clerks &c to induct the Reverend JOHN PORTER, clerk, Master of Arts, to the Rectory of Smarden in the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, late void by the death of WILLIAM BEDFORD the last incumbent there, to which he was collated by his grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury the true and undoubted patron thereof. (Inductions at Canterbury. p. 271.)

1793 On receiving a mandate from the Abp bearing date 30 Dec. 1793, a mandate issued &c to induct WILLIAM MACKENZIE, M.A. to the Rectory of Smarden, late void by the cession of JOHN PORTER, clerk, the last incumbent there. (p. 4.)

1821 On receiving a mandate from his grace &c bearing date 24 March a mandate issued forth to induct Rev. WHITFELD CURTEIS, M.A. to the Rectory of Smarden, late void by the resignation of WILLIAM MACKENZIE the last incumbent there &c. 4 April. (p. 58.)

1834 On receiving a mandate from the Abp bearing date 14 October, a mandate issued &c to induct Rev ISAAC MOSSOP Clerk to the Rectory of Smarden late void by the death of WHITFELD CURTEIS, clerk, the last incumbent there. Oct. 16. (p. 92.)

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1203 Rex tc̄. dnō Cañt tc̄. Nōvitis nos ītuitu Dī concessisse ADE DE ESSEX clīco nrō capellā Sc̄i Joh̄. de Stanes ī Tanet q vacat, t de nr̄a; donatōe roñe q ipā; de Boronia Scī Aug̃ Cañt que est ī manu nrā t rōne: q̃d Capella illa vacavit p̄ q⁹ Baroniā illa: ī manū n'ram devenit: ipmq ADĀ p̄ has litt'as n'ras p'rentes t pat, ad Capellā illā nob p'sentam: attenti rogantes: q⁹ tin ipm̄ ADA ad Capellā illā admittatis: t ipm̄ ī ea instituatis: salva iñ monachis Sci Aūg Cant: debita t antiq pensione: T. Wiłło de Brcos⁹ XXIX die Dec. ap̄ Herbtōt.
(Rot. Lit.Pat. An. 4 John. A.D. 1203. memb. 6. at the Public Record Office.)

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1554 Smarden. Vicesimo die mensis Aprilis Anno dni predicto Dñs admist GEORGIM HEYDON presbium ad eccliam parochialem de Smerden Cantuareñ dioc p depriuacoem̄ et destitutiom GREGORIJ DODDES vltimi incumbent eiusdem vacan ad quam p illustrissima dnām nrām Reginam Mariam ipius ecclie Jure prerogative Corone sive hac vice vt dicitur patronam dño putatus extitit Ipmq Rcoris instituit et invcstuit canonice in ct de eadem cu suis juribus et ptm̄ vnivesis curamq et Regimen &c.
(Registers at Canterbury Cathedral. Sede Vacante. M 14, Now N. fol. 66.)

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1558 Smerden. Eccl. 10 Maii dñs contulit Roberto Halsall presb eccliam de Smerden per mortem Georgii Heydon clerici ult incum ibd vacantem. (Pole. f. 77. b.)

# VISITATION ARTICLES.

Until quite recently these valuable records were in a neglected condition. Dr. Brigstocke Sheppard, however, has done great service to Antiquarian research, by arresting their further destruction: and through his efforts, the numerous Folios have been removed from their former damp and unsuitable quarters, and safely deposited in the Cathedral Library at Canterbury.

These Visitation Articles having been inaccessible for a long period may account for their being so little known. The writer of every Parochial history would do well to consult such an original source of information. The extracts, as far as our Parish is concerned, will be perused with interest, and may be regarded as samples of the series generally.

1561–62 SMARDEN. It ys pñted that there pson S^r^. Gregory Dodds ys not Resydent, he ys also deane of Excetor.

It is certified by Sharpe and Sharpe that the Rode lofte is pulled down virtute Jurat. (Ex officio. Comperta et Detecta. Lib. IV. 71. 72.)

At a Visitation held in S. Margaret's Church, Charing.

It is presented all is well saving that their pson is not resident for that all they think is Deane of Execitor. (Comperta Detecta. 8.)

1565 Smarden. It is presented that the Chauncell and psonage howses are not in verie greate ruyne, but that there wanteth some tyling and thatching and dawbing to the value of xx^s^. (Comp. Detecta. f. 8.)

1566 It is psented that our Churche is somwhat' at repacon for lack of shynglinge. (Archia. ex officio. f. 4.)

It ys pnted that o^r^ Parson hath not left hys cure but to a decon, who may not mister the comunyon. Also that Idye Adam hathe not received the comunyon. (f. 32.)

1569 Rectoria & patronatu R^mi^ dni Abp Can. Rector Mr. Richus ffletcher, Rector de Crambrooke p'dict, est coniugatus, non residet apd Smarden p'dicat et het licentiam. Curatus dns Mattheus Wolton clicus.

Sunt in dca pochia domicilia 66.

Coicantes ———————— 305.

(State of the Parishes in the Archdeaconry of Canterbury. f. 7.)

1569 Thomas Lakes w^th^ holdeth fower kyne geven by hys father James Lakes deceased to the use of the pore of Smarden for eu.

Edwarde Gorram hath maried hys fathers syster doughr. (Detecta ex officio. f. 37.)

1574–6 We present the Chancel for lack of pauement and the steppes untaken awaye in the defaulte of the parson. (Ex officio. p. 53.)

1576 Detectu est that we have not the booke of cōmon prayer w$^{th}$ the new Calender.

One Taylor's wyfe hath had a childe manifestly knowen and iij tymes psented, but no reformatyon. On xxij Jan. 1576, ffryswytha Taylor more solito duobus diebus prox in ecclia de Smarden et in foro de Ashford.

19 Feb. 1576. dñs Thomas Helye curatu de Smarden vizt that the sayd ffryswth Taylor hath don her pennaunce penytently as she was enjoyned ij severall sondayes unde dns ea ab officio suo dimisit. (Archia. ex officio. f. 11.)

1581 Sep. 21. We psente Robert Adam, of Smarden, on being found with one ffraunces Nobell, and ffrydewyth Tayler, the wyef of one Rychard Taylor &c in his barn after dark.

Mention is made of R. Adam's "howse at the *menyse* Style." (Archia. ex officio. f. 102.)

1581 Jan. 19. Robert Adams was pronounced contumacious. (for not doing penance for his sin.) (f. 132.)

Dñs Mattheius Wolton clicus Curatus de Smarden certificavit that the sayd Robert Adams dyd hys pennitence according to the schedule iij severall dayes viz the first, the second, & the 4 day of ffebruarye ut p. certificatorem apparet &c. (The same f. 132.)

1585 Ap. 14. Edmunde ffranklin, presented for impurity. Introduct est excom denunciat in ecclia de Smarden 16 Oct. per mrm̄ Johem Fotherby rectorem ibm. (fol. 24.)

1586 Dec. 15. Wee do present Edwarde Gorham for denying to pay twelve pence for his absence from church beeing demawnded of him. (f. 53.)

1591 One Isaacke Highwood doth not resorte to the Church but the cawse is that hee doe not come for fear of imprisonment. (f. .60)

Mrm̄ Drayner Curat et firman rectoriæ de Smarden. (f. 142.)

We pnte Nicholas Hovenden and Alice Baker for impurity. (f. 157.)

1591 July 2. Mr. ffotherbie O$^{r}$ Chawncell is not all paved, but remaynes in that state yt long tyme hath beene.

Pleaded that soe muche grownde is unpaved in the Chawncell as the alter sometymes stoode uppon, and iij steppes gooing to the alter which were taken awaye long beefore his tyme hee knoweth not by whome, but he thinketh by the parishioners there, and soe thinking himselfe not to bee chardged w$^{th}$ repayring thereof but rather the Churchwardens and pshe of Smarden. (Comperta. ex officio. Lib. xxxix. 68.)

1594 Wm. Collins and Mildred Collins who being of neere consanguinity are married, Mr. Drainer our minister refusing to marry them by licence obtained out of the Arches were married at Frittenden. (Ex officio. Lib. XLIV. f. III.)

1594 Jan. 16. We psent Wm. Coppin for his often absenting himself from Church on the Lord's Day. (XLIV. f. 120.)

1597 We present Thomas Tonge for selling bread and beare in the time of divine service.

Nov. 2. There came a stranger into his house who called for a pot of beere about the begininge of service, and there while he was sittinge there about the drinkinge of the same beere the churchwarden came in. (fol. 100.)

1603 Oct. 7. Smarden. One S$^{r}$ Henry James and Dame Dorcas his wife and others not been att our Church by the space of sixe weekes, or thereabouts. (Arch. ex officio. f. 174.)

1605 Smarden. Con. Thoma Tonge ob practizand in arem Chirurgie absq licen. 28 May. (Comperta. Ex officio XVII. 17.)

1606 These are to certifie that Clement Hooker and Joane Hooker widowe and Joane Hooker virgine have receaved the comunion in Smarden Churche the xij$^{th}$ of October 1606. Thomas Harman. Curate. (Arch. ex officio. f. 93.)

1606 Dec. 18. That there is no pulpit cloth nor cusshen belonging to the pishe church of Smarden, and that there is a bell broken in the steeple there, and there wanteth the Kings Armes sett up there. Unde dns monuit. (LXVII. f. 82.)

1607 The wife of Elizens Pell for standing excocate (LXVII. 124.)

1607 We p̃te John ffotherbie mister of L. Charte for that the Chauncell & p'sonage house &c ar gone to decaye. 6 Oct. (LXVII. 142.)

We p'te Thomas Harman our Curate for that he is not licensed. (LXVII. 142.)

1607 Thomas ffawcett for that he sayth that y$^{e}$ comissarys Courte is a Courte of all abbomination and an unconcionable, and sayth that they can curse and blesse for money, and swore by y$^{e}$ lords wounds y$^{t}$ he would never be blessed in such a Courte & y$^{t}$ it is a Courte of papistrie, and if theire be any papistry used in England, it was used theire, or els not in all y$^{e}$ worlde. 8 Octobris 1607. Excomte. (LXVII. 143.)

The Churchwardens for that they have not pvided a decent surples &c. (f. 204.)

Also at Xmas last, the wyne wch. was provided was offensive to dyvers the concants being dreggye & having some raggs in it. 6 Aprilis 1608.

1608 July 7. John Gould, Edmund Wood and others who for drunkeness stand excomcate (LXX. f. 15.)

1609 Mar. 15. Wm. Hernden for brawling in the Church and swearing by God's foote in a great rage and anger to the greate offence of God and his honest neighbours. (LIB. LXX. f. 125.)

1609 Con. Ruben Woodland de Smarden for that he practizeth Phisick or Churugey without licence 3. Oct. (XXI. 102.)

John Blacke, a taylor, in the parish a yeare or better, & hath not received the comion. (LXXV. 24.)

Anthony Vaughan practiseth physicke not being licensed. 2 Aug, 1610. (LXXV. 24.)

Church much decayed in shingling, & ye leads to be amended. 2 Aug. 1610. (LXXV. 25.)

1610 Nicholas Tayler for not paying his land scott for our churche 4ᵈ

1611 George Haffenden for not payeing his Cesse to the overseers of our pishe. 23 May 1611. (LXXV. 65.)

1611 Samuel Chittenden for ploweing on St. Mathews day the most parte of the day 21 Nov.

Pleaded he did worke & go to plowe on the day, not knowing that it was holy day, for there was noe warninge thereof gyven in the churche of Smarden, neither was their any bell tolled. (LXXV. 87.)

1611 Adams a butcher for selling meate att Smarden on the Saboth daye being Michaellmas daye. (Ex officio. LXXV. 87.)

1615 Nov. 3. We doe present Elizens Pell late chozen parishe Clarke of oʳ pishe for that he takethe upon him to keepe a scoole and teache children in his howse beeing not licensed thereunto, and allsoe wee certefie that he is often trobled wᵗʰ the falling sickness, and therefore wee thinke him not a fit man to continewe to be parishe clarke. (Arch. Ex officio. LXXXI. 29.)

1616 June 27. We psent ffrancis Dorlye for not knealing in receaving the sacreament, whoe being exhorted thereunto by oʳ minister answeared hee woulde not, whereupon oʳ minister woulde not administer to him. (LXXXI. 83.)

1625 July 1. We psent Mr. John Whiteheare and Thos. Martin for not coming to Church, and not receiving the Comunion. (LXXXVII. 169.)

1627 Nov. 21. Richard Scranton. Butcher for sellinge flesh on the Sabboth dayes. [Dismissed.] (LXXXVII. 271.)

1627 Nov. 21. It. wee pñt James Rich butcher for sellinge flesh on the Sabboth day, and alsoe for settinge open his windows, and sellinge meate in the time of morninge prayer. [Dismissed.] (LXXXVII. 270.)

1628 Nov. 19. Richard Richard victualler for sellinge beere, and suffering persons to drincke in his house during the time of Evening prayer.

Pleaded. Two or three of ye pishioners of Biddenden hapned to come into his house after dinner, and there did drink togeather to refresh themselves, and as soone as the bells gave warning for evening prayer time, this respondent gave order to his wife to fill noe more beere for them (they having spent at most but ijᵈ a peice in his house) and went to Church, and there remayned all the evening prayer time. [Dismissed.] (Arch. Vis. XCII. 41.)

1631 Oct. 26. Richard Petter & Mary George have heretofore been denounced and yet stand excommunicate. (XCII. 118.)

1633 June 5. We present Richard Russell for neglecting to come to Church and not receiving the sacrament thrice every yeare accordinge to the Canon. (XCII. 175.)

1633 It wee psent Richard Russell for neglecting to come to church and not receiving the Sacrament thrice every yeare accordinge to the Canon. (XCII. 175.)

1662 Ap. 17. Mr. Thomas Vaughan clic R. de Smarden Arch. Cant. con. Robtum Greene poæ pdæ. (Acta Curiæ. LXXV. 17.) Idem Mr. Vaughan con. Anthonus Watts de Smarden, &c. Mr. Robtus Cole clic vicar de Bethersden con. Thos. Millsted. (LXXV. 17.)

1686 Con. George Goldsmith de Smarden for practizing phisicke without license. 10 Feb. (XLIII. 157.)

## PENANCE IN A WHITE SHEET.

### HEDCORNE.

A schedule of certayne wordes uttered by Alice Gorrham in y$^{e}$ pish church of Hedcrone in the tyme of divine service at two severall tymes upon two sonne-dayes pœnitentlye cloathed in a whyt sheete and sayinge after ye minister as followethe.

Wheras (good christian people) I have offended God many and sondrye wayes: but especiallye now of late, by commyttinge ye most detestable and abomynable sinne of fylthy lust and fornicacon, and you also my christian breathren and systers, by lewde and naughtye example of ungodly lyfe. I am hether at this p'sent very wyllingly come; fyrst to craue mrcye and pardon at God's hands for this and all other myne offences whatsoever: as also in most pœnitent vzt to desyre you to forgeve me this heynous and sinnfull past; for the wch. I am right hartilye sorye, yt thereby I have offended God and this congregation, earnestly requesting you all to ioyne w$^{th}$ me in unfaigned prayer to almightye God: beseechinge his diuine maiestye, even for Christ his sake, whom he hath ordayned a purchaser of mercy for all them that turne unto hyme; yt he would be mrcyfull unto me most wretched creature: so yt hereafter throughe his grace and holly spirit, I may leade ye rest of my lyfe in righteusnesse and true hollynesse

through Jesus Christ my Savior and redemer In whose name I desyre you all to pray to ye almightye for me as he hymsefe hath taught us sayinge Our Father etc.

Dicta Alicia hæc ipsa in testimonu pœnitentiæ dolenter ptulit.

Testante JOHANNES FOTHER:

(The above is pinned on p. 117.)

HEDCORNE.

[We p'sent ALICE GORHAM in those wordes Quo die viz xxv Maij 1592.]
(Charing 1590-92. Ex officio Comperta et Detecta. Vol. xxxix. 117.)

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## Benefactions
## TO THE PARISH OF SMARDEN.

In the year 1716, MR. STEPHEN DADSON of Bethersden, gave by will; a Dwelling House, a Barn, & 4 pieces of Land, containing Ten Acres and a half: Also a Barn and seven pieces of Land, containing Fifteen Acres and a half; both in the Parish of Bethersden, Also a Dwelling House in Smarden Town for a Free School, with liberty for Six Boys to come from Bethersden.

MR. JACOB TURNER, gave in his life-time, one Hundred Pounds for the Repairs of this Church: And also laid out a Hundred Pounds more in a purchase of Land; the Rent whereof is Yearly to be distributed to the poorest of this Parish, as appears by the Deed of Trust made in 1686.

In the year 1361, MR. JOHN HAMDEN, of this Parish, gave by Deed, Six Shillings a Year for Ever, to be paid out of his Lands in this parish, to the Churchwardens for the time being, towards the maintaining of Bell Ropes &c.

In the Year 1593, MR. JOHN GLOVER, of this Parish gave by Will, Five Shillings a Year for Ever, to the Poor, to be paid out of his Lands in this Parish to the Overseers for the time being:

Also Five Shillings a Year for Ever, to be paid out
of his said Lands. to the Surveyors for the time
being, towards mending the Highways of this Parish

JOHN LARGE
URIAH BARHAM } Churchwardens 1774

[The above is painted on a Board now in the Tower, formerly on the North Wall of the Nave.]

## WILLS OF PARISHIONERS.

From early Wills in the Probate Registry at Canterbury, much information may be gleaned in reference to our Parochial history. The subjoined abstracts give numerous references to the Church, and fix the date of its Tower; besides which, particulars are given in regard to the Chantry, and the priests thereof. Special bequests were made for the Roodloft, a new Crucifix, a "Canopy," or "Tabernacle over the Sacrament over the High Altar," Vestments, Service Books, and other things in connexion with Ritual. Besides the High Altar, several others are mentioned; whilst at least a dozen lights are specified, as those of the Blessed Trinity, S. Mary, also the old light of S. Mary; S. John the Baptist, S. Michael, S. Anthony, S. Clement, S. Whohope, the Holy Cross, the Herse light, and Logarys light.

1447 **JOHN EYTHERST** of Smarden, vicessimo iiij Nov. annoque Henr. VI, vicesimo sexto; *ad opus ecclie de Egerton* xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$: It. *ad opus ecclie de Smerden* xx$^{s}$: *Charrying* xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$: *Challoc.* &c &c. (I. f. 38.)

1448 **JOHN EYTHERST** vicesimo Nov. Itm lego sumo altari ibm pro decimis &c. xij$^{d}$; Itm lego capello poch Smden xij$^{d}$; Itm lego clerico poch ibm vj$^{d}$; Itm lego lmn̄ (lumini) Thom. Woohope in ecclia de Smarden vj$^{d}$. (I. 38.)

1464 **WILLIAM MATTERAS** of Smarden, tertio die Mai. Leaves "Ad usum cujusdam libri emendi ecclesie de Smerden 5 marks," for the use of a *certain book* to be bought for the church of Smarden; also five marks for a new bell to be bought for the church: to the high altar xij$^{d}$: Lumini beate Marie ibidem xvj$^{d}$: Item *fraternitati** de Smerden, 6$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$. Bequeathes to his wife Marion one half of his furniture, & to his children John, Thomas, & Margaret the other half: also to the aforesaid Marion two calves. Mentions "unam parcellam terræ vocatam *Ibornys* (Ibornden) in parochia de Bedynden."

* [The Fraternity and the *bredere* or *brederen* (brethren) are the same thing, and are constantly alluded to in old wills, being the brotherhood of the chantry of our Lady of Smarden. These Guilds were very common in early times. Brotherhoods, or religious clubs, maintaining a Chantry priest, were established in nearly every parish church, they formed benefit societies, kept a yearly feast, met on certain anniversaries at a common altar. &c. (Walcott's Sacred Archæology, Page 308.)] (A. I. 3.)

1464 **WILLIAM MARLAR** de Smerden primo die Mensis Augusti Anno Domini 1464. In Dei nomine, Amen, Compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, beate Marie, et omnibus sanctis, corpusque meum sepelliendum in cimituro eccle Sancti Michælis apud Smerden. Item lego summo altari ibidem pro decimis et oblationibus meis oblitis 3ˢ 4ᵈ: Item volo quod Laurencius fillus meus oferat in qualibet dominica 1ᵈ per annum; Item lego lumini beate Marie ibidem 12ᵈ; Item lego lumini Sancti Johannis Baptiste 12ᵈ; Item lumini Thome Whohope 12ᵈ; Item lego Richard Thaccher 12ᵈ: Thome Kene 12ᵈ: Thomas Bresenden 20ᵈ: Jacobi Bresenden 20ᵈ. &c.

Item *ad noūu campanile* 13ˢ 4ᵈ (new belfry.) Item volo ac ordino quod predictus Laurencius solvat *fraternitati* de Smerden in quolibet anno per sex annos integros post mortem meam 6ˢ 8ᵈ: Item do et lego predicto Laurentio omnia utensilia mea *ad novum librum* vocatum de legendis 20ˢ: Item lego Richardo Faxstone, Richardo Scott et Thos Listred 5ˢ: Item lego Johanni Holstrete 3ˢ 4ᵈ. Item volo predicto Richardus Faxstone, Thomas Listred, Johanni Holstrete et Ricardus Scott deliberent statim post mortem meam feoffees omnia terras et tenementa mea cum suis pertinentijs in quibus sunt feoffati per predictum William Marlar, Lauren filio meo heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetu residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatum do et lego *ad novam campanam* et predictos Laurencius et Richardus Scott facio, ordino et constituo meos executores, et Johannem Holstrete supervisorem per presentes. (A. I. 5.)

1467 **JOHANNES PHYLYPPE** de Smerden 6 March millimo cccc sexagesimo septimo sumō altari ijᵈ. (A. I. 20.)

1470 **RICHARD BURLE** de Smerden. Summo altari ibm: beate Marie: lumini Thome Whohope ibm vjᵈ: It lego *ffabrice ecclie* de Smerden iijˢ iiijᵈ: Rich ffaxton & Ricus Scranton excutors. 8 Nov. (A. I. 14.)

1471 **RICHARD NORTON** of Smarden. To the high altar of Smarden 40$^{d}$; To the two lights of St. Mary in the s$^{d}$ church 2$^{s}$; Bequest *pro libro processionalis* emendo et servituro in eadem ecclesia 13$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$. Will dat. Sep. Prob. 9 Dec. 147I. (A. I. 18.)

1472 **THOMAS BAKER** jun. de Smerden. Summo altari; lumini Sti Joh; lumini Thome Thome Wohope. Dated 16 May, proved 23 Sep. (A. II. 3.)

1473 **RICHARD FAXSTONE** of Smarden. Bequests to the light of St. Mary there, also to the old light of St. Mary there; to the light of St. John the Baptist; To the light of Thomas Wohope: *ad unum gradale emptum ecclesie de Smerden* iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$: *Fraternitati* bē Marie de Smerden una pec tr.

Mentions Wills Gerves, Laurence Marler and John Holtrete feoffat mei post obitu meu: Ellen his wife. Will dat. 28 July. 13 Edw. IV. prob. 15. Feb. 1473. (A. II. 11.)

1473 **WILLIAM TOBYLE** de Smerden. Sumo altari;—Mary;—St. Jo. Bapt. It. volo post decessu pdict Cristine uxis mea pdicta feoffat vel assign su vendent quinq pec tr cum suis ptm quas pdict Cristina tenet ad tum vite sue et de monet inde recept distribuat *ad opus ecclie de Smerden* xl$^{s}$. Itm ordino um psbito ad celebrand anima in ecclia de Smerden pm anm integr p salute aie mee et decem marc. Prov. 19. Jan. (A. II. 10.)

1473 **MARGARETA MELLE** de Smerden. Lego sumō altari pro decimis viij$^{s}$; lumini Thome Whohope ibm vj$^{d}$; St. Johis vjd; be Marie ibm iiij$^{d}$; p. uno *Gradali empt ecclie de Smerden* x$^{s}$. Prov. 13 July. (A. II. 8.)

1474 **THOMAS GLOVER,** alias Scrace de Smerden. Desires to be buried in the church of St. Michael of Smarden. To the high altar for tithes and oblations forgotten xij$^{d}$; to the light of St. Mary there viij$^{d}$; to the light of St. John there viij$^{d}$; Pro uno *Gradali* empto ecclessie de Smarden xx$^{d}$; Item lego Johanni filio meo advenit ad etatem xx yrs xx$^{s}$: if my son John die before that age, then the said 20$^{s}$ to the child with which my wife is now pregnant, at its age of 21; but if both die before their several ages, then the xx$^{s}$ to go to the fabric of church of Smarden. Will dated 28 Oct. 1473 Proved 18 Jan. 1474. (II. 10.)

1474 **ROBERT CHESEMAN.** In Dei nomine Amen, iiij$^{to}$ die mens feburarii Anno dni millmo cccc$^{mo}$ lxxiiij$^{to}$ Ego Roberus Cheseman de Smerden, compos ments & bone memorie condo testamentu meu & ultima mea voluntatē in hunc modu:—In primis lego aiam mea deo omīpotenti bē marie & omībs sancts,

corpusq meu sepeliend in cimitro Sti Michis Arch opd Smerden. Item lego sum̄o altari ibm p decimis & oblacōibs meis oblits iiij$^{d}$; item lego lum̄i bē Marie ibm ij$^{d}$; itm lum̄i Sti Johis ij$^{d}$; lum̄i Thome Wohope ij$^{d}$; Itm lego cuilt confilior meor ij$^{d}$: Itm lego *ffraternitati be Marie de Smerden* ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$; ad soluend in septem annis. Itm lego Agneti et Margarete filiabs meis cuilt ear ad suu maritagm xl$^{s}$. Mentions his wife Agnes. Probatum sexto die mens Marcii Anno dni 1474. (A. II. 16.)

1474 **WILLIAM BROMLE** de *Smerden.* Itm lego sumo altari ibm p decimis & oblacōnibus meis oblits xij$^{d}$; bē Marie ibm vj$^{d}$; St. Johis vj$^{d}$; lumi Thome Wohope ibm vj$^{d}$; *p novo vestmento* empt ecclie de Smerden iiij marc. Willmus Swyft, Lawrence Marler, Willmus Newynden, & Johes Holstrete feoffees. Dated 3, proved 12 July, 1474. (A. II. 14.)

1475 **JACOBI PHILPOT** de *Smerden.* Itm volo p pdic feoffat delibent *ffabric ecclie* de Smerden xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Dat. 30 Ap. Prov. x June 1475. (A. II. 17.)

1477 **RICHARD BORNE.** In dei noie, nono die mens Maii Anno dn̄i M iiijclxxvij & anno regni Reg Ed iiij post conqm Angl xvij, Ego Ric. Borne de Smerden compos ments & bone memorie condo testm̄ meu sive ultima voluntate mea in hunc modum :—In pm̄is lego anām mēa deo omnipotenti bte marie & omibs stis, corpusq mēu ad sepeliend in cimteo ecclie Sti Mich Arch apud Smerden: Itm lego summo altari ibm p decimis & oblac meis oblits vj$^{d}$; Itm lego summo altari de Egerton vj$^{d}$; Itm *lego lm̄i bte me de Smerden voc logaris* † viij$^{d}$; Itm lego lni Thome Whohope ibm iiij$^{d}$; Itm lego cuilt confil meor iiij$^{d}$; Itm lego recori (rectori) ecclie de Smerden causa orandi p anā mēa xx$^{d}$; Itm lego paupibs in poch de Smerden xx$^{d}$; Itm *fabric* ecclie de Smerden xl$^{s}$.
Proved M iiijlxxvij. (A. III. 6.)

† [ The Logarys Light was not any particular kind of light, but one in a particular part of the Church. Loga = Logium, a speaking-place. The Logarys Light was one for the Pulpit. This bequest therefore was to provide a light of the costliest wax, and comeliest mould.
(Notes and Queries. Vth. S. I. Jan. 3. 1874. p. 13.)]

1480 **HENRICUS BAKER** de Smerden. In dei Noie Amen, xviij die mens Junii, Anno Dni Miiijlixxix, Ego Henricus Baker de Smerden, compos ments & bone memor condo testm meu sive ult volunt mea in hunc mod; In prim lego āiam mea doe omn potenti bte Me, & omibs stis, corpusq meu ad sepeliend in cimiterio Sti Michis Arch ad$^{d}$ Smerden; Itm lego sumo altari ibm p dec &

oblac meis oblits vj$^{d}$; Itm lego lñi bte Me ibm iiij$^{d}$; Itm lego lñi Sti Johne ibm iiij$^{d}$; Itm lego lñi Thome Wohope ibm iiij$^{d}$; Itm *lego lni bte Me voc logaris* ij$^{d}$; Itm cap$^{no}$ ydoneo ad celebrand p aña mea; Itm p *uno vestment emend ecclie de Smerden* iij$^{li}$ vj. viij.
Proved xi July. A. D. 1480. (Book. III. 18.)

1484 **JOHES HOLSTRETE** de poch de Smerden. In dei noie Amen ultimo die mensis Novembris Anno domini millimo cccclxxxiiij Ego, compos mentis saneq memorie condo testm meum & ultima voluntatem meam in hunc modum :— In primis lego anām meam deo ompotenti, beate marie vgine, ac oīmbus sanctis corpusq meum ad sepeliend in cimiterio ecclie sancti Michis de Smerden pdict; Itm lego summo altari ibm p decimis meis & oblacobus oblit xx$^{d}$; Item lego lumini sancte marie ibm xij$^{d}$; Itm lumini sancti Johanne viij$^{d}$; Itm lumini dni Thome Wohope xij$^{d}$; Itm lumini sancte Marie voc *logaryslyght* vj$^{d}$; Itm omibus luminibus devocionum ibm xij$^{d}$; Itm lego cuilt confil meor iiij$^{d}$; Itm lego ad exhibicoem vnius capni honesti ydonei celebraturi in ecclia pdict p salute añ mee Amicor meor & om fidelm defunctor per dimiduum annum V marc; Itm lego Anno filie, Thome Holstrete &c. Residuum Margarete uxor mee. (C. III. 25.)

1490 **WILLIAM HOLSTRETE** of Smarden. Will dat. 20 Aug. 1490, mentions a piece of land called Crowchfield, which he leaves to the "*bredere of the chantrie of our Ladie of Smerden*," and Stephen Norton. (V. 8.)

1493 **JOHN FRAY** of Smarden. Bequest for a priest to sing in the church of Smarden by the space of half a yere v marks. Will dat. 11 Apr., prov. 18 June 1493.

1498 **JOHN MATERAS** of *Smerden*. Corpus sepeliend in Chyard of Smarden. Item lego sm̄o altari ibm p decimis et oblaconibus meis oblitis duodecem denarios; Item lego lumini bte Marie virginis ibm 4$^{d}$; sancti Johannis Baptiste ibm iiij$^{a}$; sancti Thome Wohope ibm iij$^{d}$; *ad usum cantarie* ibm xx$^{s}$.
Dated 6 January, proved 18 June 1498. (VII. 5.)

1498 **JOHES SKYNNER** de parochia de Smerden, viccsimo die mensis Junii, anno dni millimo cccclxxxxviij, Ego, compos mentis sanc memorie existent condo testm mēu in hunc modum; In primis lego animam meam dea omn̄potenti, bte Marie virgini, et omibus stis celi, corpusq meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclie de Smerden pdict; Itm lego summo altari ibm p decimis meis oblitis xij$^{d}$; Itm lego ad repacoēm unius *campane* ibm xij$^{d}$. (C. V. 41.)

1502 **JOHN MYLLE**, to be buried in Chyard of Smarden. Itm I bequeth to the high auter there iij$^{d}$; to the lights of the Holy crosse ther ij$^{d}$; St. John Bapt. Proved 16 Jan 1502. (A. VIII. 12.)

1504 **WILLIAM NEWYNDEN** of Smerden. Lego sum̄o altari ibm viij$_{d}$; It lego cuilt lumi in eccl̄a de Smden. Dat 4 Sept. 1504: proved 4 June 1505. (IX. 4.)

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1508 **STEPHEN FRENCHE**, of Bidynden, hole in mynde to be buried in all Saints Bydynden; In dei nomine, Amen, sexto decimo die mens decembr Anno dni millmo quinetesimo octavo. I bequeath to the high aulter ther xx$^{d}$; also to the light of the crucifix iiij$^{d}$; Also to the light of o$^{r}$ lady ilij$^{d}$; Also to the light of seynt Xpofer ij$^{d}$; Also to the light of seynt Katyn ij$^{d}$; Also *I bequeth to the making of the newe roodeloft of Smerden* vj$^{s}$. viiij$^{d}$. Mentions his brothers Thomas & John ffrenche. Proved at Lambeth 16 March. millimo quingetesimo octavo. (Somerset House. "*Bennett.*" folio 12.)

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1510 **JOHN SAUNDER** of Smerden (12 April) beinge in hoole mynde & in goode memory, make my testament in this wise; Furst I com̄ende my soul to Almightie God, to our blyssed lady, & to all saints, my body to be buried w$^{t}$in the churchyarde of Saint Michell the archangell of Smerden aforesaide. Itm I bequeth to the high aulter ther for my tythes oblacoñs forgotten & negligently w$^{t}$holden ij j$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to the highawter of *Frythynden* viij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to the high aulter of *hedcrone* viij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth a taper of jli of wex to brynne (burn) before the *blyssyd Trynyte*, in the saide church of Smerden; Itm I bequeth *to the light of Saint Michell the archangell at the saide Smerden* iiij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to the *light of our lady there* iiij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to *the light* of B *Thomas Wohope somtyme pson* of the same church iiij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to the *light of Saint Anthony, & Saint Clement*, in the said church iiij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to Xrofer Saunder my Godsoon xij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to ev̄y of my other godchildren iiij$^{d}$; Itm I bequeth to Johanna my doughter a cowe; also I bequeth to ev̄y of my doughters that is to saie Johanna, Elizabeth, Alia, Dorothy, and Anne, to evy of them to ther mariage iiij$^{li}$ of lefull money of Englonde; Itm I bequeth to Maryon my wyfe vj kene, a bulle, my blak mare, my horsecorte, and half my ffatys of beys: Itm I bequeth to Nicholas my soon, the other half of my ffats of beys, a federbedde, a covlett, also I bequeth to the saide Nicholas half my bacon flitches, half my whete, malte, otys, barley, w$^{t}$in my house that now I dwell in; Itm I bequeth to the saide Maryon, my wyfe, the other half of my saide cornys, ij of my beste hoggs, and the residue of all my utensills of howsolde.

Also I bequeth to the saide Nicholas and Harry, my sonnys, ij gryndingstonys w^t^ the yaxes & pouwynches to the same: Itm I bequeth to iiij men to bere my body from Tenterden to Smerden there to be buryed iiij^s^: Itm that myn executors shall distribute in *dirge masses* & other works of charyte, for my soule, the day of my bureng xx^s^; Itm in lykewise at *my monthes day* xxvj^s^ viij^d^: & at *my yeres mynde* xiij^s^ iiij^d^; Itm I bequeth to an honest preiste to rede and singe dirge: to Marion my wyfe an aker of my best whete, & ij acres of otys frely to her to be hadde &c. Wife to occupy & take profett of my myllys, & land called lytylhomynden, &c. (X. 33.)

1512 **WILLIAM OMYNDEN** de Smerden. Item lego *sumo altari* ibm pro decimis oblitis viij^d^; Itm *lum dñi Thome Woghope* viij^d^; Itm lego *novo Crucifixo* ibm xx^d^; Itm lego in die humaconis mei vj^s^ viij^d^: Item in die trignitali meo x^s^: Item in die aniversarii mei 24 June. (C. XI. 21.)

1519 **SIMON FRENOHE** of Smarden. Desires to be buried in the church of Smarden. Leaves for *our lady light there* ij^d^; to the *light of Thomas Whoope* ij^d^; *to the hearselight* ij^d^: 10 marks to a priest to sing & pray for his soul, his wife's soul, & those of his father, mother, & all christian souls for one year.
Dat 30 Dec. 1518. Prob. 8 June 1519.

1525 **EDWARD NORTON** of Smarden. To the *high altar* of *Betresden* for tithes forgotten 12^d^: Bequest for one wax light (cereum) to be burned every Friday for a whole year, at the time of the celebration of the mass of the name of Jesu. Bequest for a *canopy of the high altar of Smarden* 20^d^; Mentions a piece of land called Hegge-towne. Names Wm. Norton my brother, Anthony Norton, son of Thomas Norton my brother, Stephen Norton my son, Ellen, Agnes, and Thomazine my daughters.
Dat 26. Feb. 1524, Proved 3. Apr 1525. (XVI. 13.)

1525 **AGNES NORTON** of Smarden, Widow. I bequeath to the *high altar* of Smarden viij^d^: I bequeath to the making of *a tabernacle over the sacrament over the high altar of Smarden aforesaid* viij^d^. Dated 22. Sep. proved 6. Nov. 1525.

1533 **WILLIAM SMYTH** of Smerden. Item lego summo altari ij^d^; married Elizabeth. Witness Edward Pell &c. (XVI. 8.)

1535 **WILLIAM NORTON** of Smarden. Leaves to the *light of the Holy Trinity* 4^d^; to the light of *the High Cross* 4^d^. Dat. 16 Feb. 1535, prob. 15. July 1536.

1504 **THOMAS PELL** of Wyttresham, Kent, yoman. Itm lego ad reparacionem ecclie de Smerden vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. Had land in Smarden. Mentions his sons Stephen, Laurence, Thomas, & Edward, also Alice his wife.
Dat. 1 Aug. 1502, prov. 29 Jan. 1504. (Somerset House. "Holgrave." f. 24.)

1525 **THOMAS PELL** de Pōchia de Smerden. In dei Nomie Amen, vicesimō die mensis Julij Anno dni Millimo Quigenmo xxv$^{to}$ Ego Compos metis et sane existens memorie, condo testamētū meū in hūc modū; Im primis lego aiām meā deo omipotenti beate Mariæ virgini, & oīmibus sanctis celi, corpus que meū sepeliendū in Cimiterio Santi Mīchis Arc̄hi de Smerden predcā; summo Altari ibms pro decimis et oblationibus meis incaute oblitis xij$^{d}$; facture *novi canaper supra altari pdicto* xij$^{d}$; lumini sancte Trinitatis ibm iiij$^{d}$; lumini beate Marie virginis ibm ij$^{d}$; lumini dni Thome Woghoppe ibm̄ ij$^{d}$; Stephani Pell filio meo "meam maximam eneam ollam preter unam et unum discum electrinum" (my largest but one brazen pot and one pewter dish.) Itm lego Elizabeth Pell &c. (A. XVII. 3.)

1533 **EDWARDUS PELL** buried at Smarden. Itm lego sum̄o altari ibm pro decimis et oblac̄obus meis negligenter et inepte detentis et oblitis ij$^{d}$; lumini Ste Marie Virginis ij$^{d}$; lumini Sti Johis Baptiste ibm ij$^{d}$: 3 March. (C. XVI. 43.)

1540 **STEPHYN PELL** of Sm̄den "Chapleyne." Itm I bequeth to the high aultr for tythes forgotten xx$^{d}$; Itm I wyll to be bestowed betwyxte the markett place of Smden and the menesse style, and the style besyde the brotheres howse of Smden xl$^{s}$: I give & bequethe to Osmonde Chubbe, Clerke pson of Smden, and to James Newenden whom I ordeyn to be my executors xl$^{s}$.
Dat. 6 April 1540, prov. 27 April 1541. (A. XXII. 2.)

1615 **EDWARD PELL** of Smarden. Mentions the messuage wherein I now dwell, and the lands thereunto belonging called the Minises in Smarden.
28 Aug. (A. LVII. 361.)

1473 Lawrence Pell of Biddenden A. III. 8.
1504 John Pell „ IX. 5.
1520 Stephen Pell, Headcorn XV. 6.
Stephen Pell, Biddenden XVII. 1.
Alice Pell, Tenterden XIX. 10.

*The following had property at Smarden :—*

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| 1524 | Thos Pell, Smarden | A. XVII. 3. |
| | Thos Pell, Biddenden | A. XVII. 8. |
| 1533 | Ed Pell, Smarden ; Consistory | XVI. 43. |
| 1540 | Stephen Pell, Smarden ; Archy. | XXII. 2. |
| | Isabell Pell, Canterbury „ | XXXIX. 16. |
| 1564 | Stephen Pell of Smarden bu. there. Will 28 March. | A. XXXIX. 39. |
| 1564 | John Pell „ „ „ | A. XXXIX. 92. |
| | Robert Pell „ „ „ | A. LIII. 333. |
| 1602 | Robert Pell „ „ „ | XLIX. 262. |
| 1616 | Edward Pell „ „ „ | LVII. 361. |
| 1629 | Richd. Pell „ „ „ | LXVII. 300. |
| 1633 | Ed. Pell „ „ „ | LXVIII. 1. |

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The following Wills and other Genealogical Memoranda relating to the Haffendens, (an old Smarden family) have been kindly furnished by R. Hovenden, Esq., of Heathcote, Park Hill Road, Croydon.

1606 **JOHN HAFFENDEN** of Smarden. Will dat. 10 Nov. 1605; Prov. 19 Jan. 1606. To testator's dau: Mary £100.—To Marian (? a dau:) £100.—To Sander a son £40 in consideration that he shall pay the £40 given by John Sander unto Margaret Welles.—To Thomas Wells son of Margaret (Testator's dau:) £10 at 21 years of age.—To Mary Wells sister of Thomas £10 on her marriage.—To Robert Haffenden testator's son £150.—Residue to George Haffenden testators' son the Exor.—Robert Haffenden testator's brother overseer.—To George, the son, the house in Frittenden.—To Sander Haffenden testator's son the house & land late the land of John Sander of Smarden also a piece called Hamden Field purchased of Dr. Lakes.—To Robert Haffenden testator's son, a House & Land late purchased of Anthony Wells with all the copper vats and all the other plant necessary for the trade of a Clothier, also land at Hamden Green.—To Margaret testator's dau: the tenement, she dwells in late purchased of Stephen Drayner with reversion to Mary dau. of said Margaret with reversion to Thomas Wells brother of said Mary. Witnesses John Baker scrip: & John Haffenden. (A. XXXIX. 310.)

1685 **GEORGE HAFFENDEN** of Smarden, yeoman. To Thomas Haffenden testator's son a butcher £30.—To the two sons of the said Thomas £10 each at age of 18.—To Patience Thatcher testator's dau: & wife of John Thatcher of

Bennenden £5.—To Obedience testator's dau. & wife of Peter Impet of New Romney £10.—To Faith Haffenden testator's dau. a spinster £5.—Residue to George Haffenden testator's eldest son and Exor.—To Susan the wife £5.—To Saunder Haffenden testator's son a messuage & Lands in Frittenden, with reversion to Saunder son of said Saunder Haffenden.—To George Haffenden testator's son a third part, and all other estate in a messuage &c. at Smarden, reversion to Thomas and George testator's grandsons, sons of Thomas. Witnesses Thom. Ramsden, Edw. Apsley, Thomas Curtis. Prov. 1685. (A. LXXVI. 268.)

1689 **JOHN HAFFENDEN** of Smarden, Clothier. Will dat. 18 March 1688, Proved 12 June 1689. To Elizabeth the wife all the goods &c with the dwelling house to be sold for the payment of debts and bringing up the Children until Martha the youngest daughter attains the age of 16 years. At the end of this term the personal estate remaining to be divided into 7 equal parts of which the wife and each of the six children to take one share apiece. If either of the six children Mary, John, Elizabeth, Patience, Thomas and Martha die the share or shares to be divided between the wife and the survivors.—John Hopper "my beloved brother" of Smarden overseer. Witnesses Geo. Carey, Henry Jenkin, Elizabeth Haffenden. (A. LXXVII. 358.)

1702 **THOMAS HAFFENDEN** of Smarden, yeoman. Will dat. 7 Nov. 1700 prov. 9 April 1702. To be buried near his late wife.—To Richard Haffenden testator's brother.—To George testator's nephew and son of George Haffenden testator's brother, one third part of a farm in Smarden about 60 acres, upon condition that they pay to Sander Haffenden testator's cousin of Biddenden £10 and to Patience Sharpe testator's cousin £20, and to Obedience Impet testator's cousin £10, and to John Cary of Maidstone testator's cousin £10, and to Thomas Cary and his two children twenty nobles apiece to George Carey testator's cousin £20 and to Thomas Haffenden my cousin who lives with me £20 and to the brothers and sisters of this Thomas £25 among them equally.—By Testator's marriage settlement with his second wife he has charged the third part of his before named farm in Smarden and other land with an annuity of £24. To Elizabeth Testator's dau: a messuage in Smarden and other land.—Elizabeth Testator's dau: a messuage in Smarden occupied by Sam: Willard, a messuage in Smarden occupied by Francis Roberts; a piece of land called Marden Croft 2 acres and other lands adjoining with reversion to testator's dau. Marshall.—To the daughters whom Testator's dau: Marshall has or shall have by her husband "my said son Marshall" lands in Smarden, but if after the date of this will Testator's dau:

Marshall should bear a son then this son to have "the said two farms already devised to Marshall's dau."—The lands &c which Testator had from his father &c in all about 73 acres also the lands &c in Warehorn, Shadoxhurst, Ruckinge and Orleston devised to Thomas Brett testator's grandson at the age of 20 years.—To the same Thomas Brett on attaining age £450.—To Elizabeth Brett (grand daughter) lands in Smarden, Pluckley & Bethersden reversion to Thomas Brett (grandson).—Bequests to Elizabeth Brett, "my cozens George Carey and Thomas Haffenden who now live with me."—To Thomas Marshall (son-in-law) a cottage & garden "neere the three wents leading from Ledman green to Smarden Street."—To Elizabeth (daughter) certain Plate &c at age of 18.—To Marshall's wife (testator's dau.) to Marshall's four daus. Witness Stephen Bredge, Gilbert Ward, Francis Taylor. A Codicil dated 17 Nov. 1700 mentions George Haffenden testator's Nephew being dead the ⅓ part of the Farm devised to him and Richard Haffenden (Testator's Brother) is devised to Richard Haffenden only charged with payments to the 3 youngest children of deceased Nephew George. (A. LXXX. 35.)

1720 **RICHARD HAFFENDEN** of Smarden yeoman. Will dat. 31 December 1707 Prov. 10 June 1720 by Mary Haffenden the dau. To Mary Haffenden my daur. whom sole ex. my 2/3 parts of my messuage and lands called Claggett Lands & Newbarn Lands in Smarden formerly the lands of John Haffenden my brother dec$^{d}$ with reversion to Elizabeth Bathurst my daughter reversion over to Thomas Haffenden my cozen "who now dwelleth with me." My lands now called Fisher Lands in Smarden to my said two daughters Elizabeth Bathurst and Mary Haffenden equally.—To my Sister's son George Cary of Smarden yeoman.—To my daur Mary my Mess.; &c in Bethersden & Smarden. Witnesses Tho. Petter, William Sarjant, Katherine Bennett. (A. LXXXV. 14.)

1733 **THOMAS HAFFENDEN** of Smarden yeoman. Will dat. 23 Sep. 1720 Prov. 4 April 1733 by John* Haffenden the brother. To my sisters Elizabeth of Rye; Patience Ticknall at Hawkhurst; Martha Terrall of Cranbrook.—Residue to my brother Richard* Haffenden whom exor. Witnesses Hannah Hosmer. Will$^{m}$ Poune. (A. LXXXIX. 21.)

* [Qy. if there is not an error in one of these names.]

1760 **THOMAS HAFFENDEN** late of Smarden, widower dec$^{d}$ Admons 5 Feb. 1760 to to his daūr Elizabeth, wife of John Haffenden. (P.C.C. Somerset House.)

*Marriage Licences at Canterbury.*

1683 Nov. 10. JOHN THATCHER of Benenden 30 Ba. yeoman.
PATIENCE HAFFENDEN (da. of Geo. H. yeoman?) 28 maiden of Smarden.

1687 Jany. 4. THOMAS HAFFENDEN of Smarden Widr.
ELIZABETH JENKIN of Biddenden Widw.

1708 June 28. THOMAS HAFFENDEN of Smarden, yeo. Ba.
MARY HAFFENDEN of Smarden, Maiden.

1745 Oct. 24. JOHN HAFFENDEN Bethersden, Ba.
ELIZABETH HAFFENDEN of Smarden, Maiden.

## PEDIGREE OF THE FAMILY OF PELL.

Oliver Claude Pell, Esq., of Wilburton Manor, Ely, has courteously sanctioned the publication of this Genealogy, compiled from the Parish Registers at Canterbury and old Wills.

THOMAS (?) PELL, of Smarden, living A.D. 1450, had issue:—

I. Lawrence, m. Alice . . . and was bu. at Biddenden, June, 1476, leaving issue:—
  1. John, m. Agnes . . . was bu. there Jan., 1504, leaving:—
     Thomas bu. at Biddenden May, 1527; Agnes; Alice.
  2. Stephen, m. Johanne . . . also bu. there Aug., 1525, leaving:—
     Margaret; Peter; Thomas; John.
  3. A daughter.

II. Thomas. *See below* *

III. Agnes, m. . . . Warre.

* II. THOMAS PELL, m. 1st. . . . and had issue as follows:—

I. Stephen, a chantry priest, bu. at Smarden April, 1541.

II. Lawrence, m. . . . bu. at Headcorn (?), leaving:—
  Stephen, bu. at Headcorn Oct., 1522, unm.; and a dau. m. . . and had issue.

III. Thomas, m. Johan . . . and was bu. at Smarden Aug., 1525, leaving:—
  1. Stephen.
  2. John, m. Mary . . . and was bu. at Tunbridge Aug., 1557, leaving:—
     Edward; Johan, m. at Smarden . . . Oct. 28, 1566 (?); Anne; Margaret; Elizabeth; Mary; Bridget; Doritheé; Mildred, bu. at Smarden May 27, 1563 (?)
  3. Thomas, bu. May 28, 1572 (?).
  4. Elizabeth, bu. 1560 (?)., both at Smarden.

IV. Edward. *See* †

V. Agnes, m. James Newynden.

VI. Margaret.

He m. 2nd Alice Potten, widow (who d. at Tenterden Sep., 1531), and d. Jan. 1504, at Wittersham.

** Edward Pell, m. Ann (. . . who was bu. at Smarden, 1564,) also bu. there in 1533, having had by her:—

I. Thomas, m. Isabella Mills (who was bu. at S. Mildred's, Canterbury, 1563) and d. leaving:—
John, m. Myldered Mylsted at Smarden Oct. 2, 1564 (who was bu. June 25, 1596), and bu. Jan., 1568, both at Bethersden;
Edward, bu. at S. Paul's, Canterbury, Mar. 1584; Susan.

II. Stephen. *See* §

III. John, m. Johane Caylie, and bu. at Smarden July 23, 1566, having issue:—
Nathaniel, bu. at Brenchly, Kent, May, 1570; Stephen; Robert, bu. at Smarden, 1569 (?).

IV. Edward, d. young.

V. Robert, m. Mary (. . . bu. Oct. 3, 1568), and bu. Oct. 8, 1604, both at Smarden, having had:—

1. Richard, m. . . . and bu. at N. Romney, cir. 1580, leaving:—
*a.* Sibyl, bap. at N. Romney Mar. 8, 1579; *b.* Robert, bap. at N. Romney 1576, m. 2ndly Mildred Pantry, of Ivychurch, 19 Jan., 1624 (relict of Simon Pantry). He d. Sep., 1629, having had by his 1st wife, Richard; John, bap. at N. Romney Ap. 13, 1612; Joane, bap. Feb. 19, 1615; Mary; Robert, bap. Mar. 29, 1618; Elizabeth, bap. Sep. 10, 1620. All at same place.

2. Clement, m. and had issue, amongst others:—
Edward, m. Amy ( bu. July 19, 1664) and was bu. Feb. 12, 1633, both at Smarden, having issue as follows:—
*a.* Margaret, bap. at Chatham 24 Mar. 1608, m. at Smarden Sep. 20. 1627, Joseph Igolden.
*b.* Robert, bap. at Chatham Ap. 8, 1610, m. May 13, 1634, Phillipe Gouldwell (bu. June 22, 1682) and bu. May 11, 1681, having had:—
1st, Joan, bap. March 1, 1635, all at Smarden, m at Pluckley Sep. 15, 1664, William Mungum;
2nd, Edward, bap. at Smarden, 1636, and bu. July 3, 1671;
3rd, Thomas, bap. Feb. 3, 1639, and bu. at Smarden Mar. 23, 1708, unm.;
4th, Robert, bap. at Smarden March 14, 1641, m. there May 23, 1689, Ann Jell (bu. Jan. 30, 1710) also bu. at Smarden, Sep. 3. 1709;
5th, Clement, who had Clement, and Mary.
*c.* Edward, bap. at Chatham Mar. 7, 1612; bu. at Smarden Jan. 31, 1625.
*d.* John, bap. at Smarden Oct. 8, 1615.

*e.* Lucy, bap. Aug. 16, 1618; and bu. at Smarden Jan. 6, 1634.

*f.* Thomas, m. Mary ( who was bu. at Smarden May 8, 1695), and d. there May 7, 1696, having Mary, who m. Geo. Browne.

3. Edward, m. Ruth ( who was bu. Aug. 7, 1619) bu. Sep. 1, 1615, also at Smarden, having had:—

*a.* Richard, b. at Smarden Nov. 15, 1583, m. 1st, at Smarden, Elizabeth Lavendale, Mar. 13, 1618, who d. leaving;—Joan, bu. at Smarden Ap. 25, 1640; Ruth, bu. at Smarden Oct. 26, 1639. He m. 2nd, Mary . . . and was bu. at Smarden Aug. 22, 1629, leaving by her;—Edward, bap. at Smarden Oct. 31, 1624, d. at Harrietsham March 8, 1642; and Mary, bap. at Smarden May 27, 1627, and d. before 1652.

*b.* Thomas, bap. at Smarden May 4, 1589, bu. there Dec. 11, 1610.

*c.* Joyse, bap. at Smarden Nov. 13, 1586. m. Richard Reader, of Boughton Monchelsea, who had a son, Richard.

*d.* Joan, bap. at Smarden Sep. 6, 1592, m. May 31, 1613, at Hothfield, Thomas Hall, who had Ruth.

*e.* Jane, bap. Nov.. 1595, and married at Smarden April 14, 1618, John Swift.

*f.* Mary, bap. at Smarden Nov., 1596, m. at Halden, May 2. 1614, John Singleton.

4. Mary, m. Thomas Swift.

VI. Lawrence, m. May 17, 1565, at Ashford, Bennett Evans (who was bu. June 20, 1572.) He had issue by her (?):

1. Elias (?), bap. at Ashford (?) Jan. 13, 1572. m. and died at Smarden Feb. 16, 1616, having had:—

Katherine, bap. Oct. 23, I601; bu. Oct. 25; George, bap. Jan 9, 1602, bu. Sep. 7, 1604; Ann, bap. Nov. 16, 1606. All at Smarden.

2 Phœbe; 3 Susan; 4 Agnes.

VII. Elizabeth.

§ Stephen Pell, m. and was bu. at Smarden Ap. 1, 1565, having issue:—

I. Paul. *See* *

II. A daughter, married Abraham King.

* Paul Pell, m. 1st at Ashford, 1571, Elizabeth Hamyng (bu. at Bethersden Dec. 5, 1588), having had by her:—

I. Margaret, bap. at Ashford, Mar. 9, 1572, m. at Bethersden Oct. 18, 1596, William Culverden.

II. Stephen. *See* ††

III. William. bap. at Smarden Sep. 4, 1575, m. 1st at Bethersden Dec. 2, 1599, Susan Butcher (bu. at Bethersden May 24, 1616), and had by her:—

1. Thomas, bap. at Bethersden Dec. 14, 1600.
2. Elizabeth, bap. Sep. 18, 1603, m. at Egerton Nov. 2. 1628, Abraham Smith (?).
3. Robert, bap. Nov. 2, 1606.
4. John, bap. Feb. 26, 1608.
5. Richard, bap. Nov. 10, 1611.
6. Edward, bu. June 1, 1612. All at Bethersden.

William Pell, m. 2ndly June 23, 1617, Cecilia Moore (bu. Ap. 19, 1631) also bu. at Bethersden May 24, 1631, having by her :—

1. Maria, bap. Ap. 8, 1618.
2. Thomas, bap. Oct. 21, 1621, and bu. Dec. 4, 1636.
3. Margaret, bap. Nov. 18, 1627, and bu. Dec. 3, 1627.
4. Katheryne, bap. Oct. 12, 1628.
5. Agnes, bap. Oct. 18, 1629, and bu. Oct. 17, 1630. All taking place at Bethersden.

IV. George, bap. Nov. 17, 1577.

V. Mary, bap. June 1, 1578.

VI. Paul, bu. 1580. All at Smarden.

VII. John, bap. at Bethersden July 23, 1581.

VIII. Richard, bap. Ap. 12, 1584, bu. May 8, 1610; at same place.

IX. Edward, bap. at Bethersden Dec. 21, 1587, m. 1st Mary ( . . . who was bu. at Woodchurch, Ap. 8, 1629), having by her :—

William, bap. Dec. 1, 1616; Susan, bap. Ap. 26, 1619; Sarah, bap. Aug. 27, 1620; John, bap. Dec. 22, 1622, d. before 1650; James, bap. May 12, 1626; Mary, bap. May 30, 1628: Elizabeth, bu. May 20, 1629.

He m. 2nd, June 29, 1629, Elizabeth Court, and had by her :—

Mary, bap. May 28, 1630; Robert, bap. Ap. 15, 1633, bu. Aug. 31, 1634; Arthur, bap. Mar. 5, 1636.

He m. 3rd Margaret, and d. June, 1650. All taking place at Woodchurch.

* Paul Pell m. 2nd, at Bethersden, May 11, 1590, Agnes Lappan, a widow (who was bu. there Feb. 25, 1611), also bu. there May 8, 1611.

†† Stephen Pell, bap. Nov. 8, 1573, and m. 1st at Smarden 24, Ap. 1599, Ann Tonge (bu. at Pluckley Ap. 9, 1615), having by her :—

I. Robert. *See* **

II. John, bap, at Pluckley Nov. 10, 1606, m. Mary (who survived him), and was bu. there May 1665, having by her :—

1. Maryan, bap. Ap. 6, 1649; m. at L. Chart Nov. 26, 1668, John Pass.
2. Ann, bap. July 26, 1650.
3. Mary, bap. Feb. 2,—1651, bu. June 18, 1657.

4. Mercy, bap. Dec. 3, 1653.
5. John and Elizabeth, bu. June 24, 1656. All at Pluckley.
6. Elizabeth.

†† Stephen Pell m. 2nd at Smarden Aug. 15, 1615, Marian Haffenden (who was bu. at Pluckley Oct., 1655), also buried there Aug. 1643, having by her:—

George, bap. Nov., 1617.

** Robert Pell, bap. at Pluckley Jan. 13, 1600, m. at S. Mary's, Bredman, Canterbury, Sep. 25, 1627, Mary Pemble, of Little Chart, Kent (who survived him), and was bu. at Halden, Jan. 5, 1647, having had by her:—

I. Stephen, bap. Sep. 7, 1628.
II. Thomas, bap. May 9, 1630.
III. Anne, bap. Ap. 22, 1632. All at Pluckley.
IV. Ellen, bap. L. Chart Ap. 19, 1635.
V. Robert. *See* ††
VI. John, bap. at L. Chart May 26, 1639.
VII. Dorothea, bap. at Halden Oct. 23, 1642.
VIII. George, bap. Sep. 21, 1645, also at Halden.

†† Robert Pell, bap. at L. Chart Ap. 1, 1638, m. 1st Joan (who was bu. at Chatham June 8, 1667), and had by her:—

Robert, bap. Sep. 29, 1666, and bu. at Chatham Oct. 18, 1666.

He m. 2nd at Chatham Sep. 22, 1667, Mary Lyle (bu. there Nov. 1, 1702), also bu. at Chatham Mar. 2, 1707, having had by her:—

I. Robert, bap. Oct. 25, 1668, & m. Elizabeth (bu. at Chatham Oct. 1, 1727), had by her:—
   1. Elizabeth, bap. at Chatham May 17, 1692; bu. there July 3, 1692.
   2. Sarah, m. John Payne, July 9, 1713.
   3. Elizabeth, bap. Jun. 13, 1695; bu. Feb. 20, 1699.
   4. Mary, bap. Jan. 14, 1696; bu. Oct. 27, 1697.
   5. Robert, bap. Aug. 18, 1698.
   6. Penelope, bap. Nov. 25, 1701; bu. Nov. 23, 1702.
   7. Mary, bap. Feb. 15, 1703.
   8. George, bap. Aug. 23, 1705; bu. 15 Ap., 1706.
   9. Elizabeth, bap. Sep. 17, 1706; bu. Oct 1, 1727.
II. Mary, bu. Oct. 5, 1670. All at Chatham.
III. George, m. Mary (who d. 1720, at S. Mary's, Bermondsey), and d. 1710, having:—
   1. Jane, m. Joseph (?) Atkinson; 2. George; 3. Elizabeth.

IV. Mary, bu. May 28, 1676.
V. Elizabeth, bap. May 18, 1677, m. . . Hunt.
VI. Thomas, bap. June 13, 1679.
VII. Stephen, bap. Aug. 17, 1681, d. at Alicant Jan., 1707.
VIII. John, bap. Feb. 9, 1682, bu. Ap. 16, 1684.
IX. William. *See* **
X. Edward, bap. Oct. 5, 1686.
XI. Phineas, bap. Ap. 8, 1688, bu. Aug. 2, 1688. All at Chatham.
XII. Mary, bap. May 3, 1691.

** William Pell, an officer in the Royal Navy, who perished together with a thousand men on board the "Victory," as was supposed on the rocks called the "Caskets," in a gale off Alderney. Bap. at Chatham Dec. 21, 1684, m. at S. Botolph, Aldgate, June 10, 1707, Martha Pilgrim (who d. Oct. 1752), and d. Feb. 1745, having (as well as others ?) :—

I. Thomas, bu. Mar. 10, 1709.
II. Stephen, bu. May 3, 1719.
III. Mary, bap. Mar. 27, 1720 (All at Chatham) m. William Rew, and had William.
IV. Thomas.
V. Robert. *See* †

† Robert Pell, a Physician and Magistrate of the Tower Hamlets; also a Major in the Middlesex Militia. Bap. 1722, m. June, 1747, Esther Wilson (a widow) née Long, died in Camp on Farley Common, and was bu. at S. George's in the East, Middlesex, Nov. 27, 1779, having had :—

I. Mary, bap. Dec. 2. 1748; bu. May 9, 1752.
II. Robert, bap. Mar. 20, 1750; bu. Jan. 23, 1763.
III. Henry, bap. May 10, 1752; bu. Jan. 26, 1753.
IV. Ann, bap. May 29, 1753; d. before 1779.
V. Martha, bap. Dec. 15, 1754; bu. June 9, 1773.
VI. Esther, bap. Ap. 11, 1756, d. a minor unm.
VII. Jens, bap. June 27, 1757; d. at Antigua, May, 1776.
VIII. Thomas, bap. Dec, 24, 1758; bu. June 11, 1777.
IX. Mary, bap. Feb. 21, 1760; bu. Ap. 22, 1762.
X. Susanna, bap. Feb. 21, 1761; bu. Feb. 6, 1763,
XI. Heide, bap. June 6, 1762; bu. Dec. 23, 1762.
XII. Mary Ann, bap. Sep. 16, 1763, m. Lys, d. before 1812, and had issue :—

George, d. at Tiverton before 1816 unm.; Robert, d. before 1818, in Chancery Lane, unm.; Caroline Bruce, d. unm. Jan. 14, 1857, bu. at Kensal Green; Mary Ann, d, unm. March 10, 1848, bu. at S. Mark's, Kennington; Sarah Pell, died unm Oct. 9, 1863, bur. at Kensal Green.

XIII. Claus, a Colonel in the Army and Aide-de-Camp to General Fox in Holland and Ireland, bap. at S. George's July 5, 1765, m. at Alverstoke Sep. 25, 1789, Elizabeth Lys (who d. at Tiverton Mar. 17, 1837), and d. Mar. 20, 1840; and is bu. at Tiverton, Devonshire, s.p.

XIV. Robert, Major of the Highridge Militia, and lived at Tiverton, Devonshire, bap. at S. George's Feb. 2, 1767, m. Mar 2, 1796, Elizabeth Nicholls (who was bu. at Tiverton, 1834), and bu. there, having d. Sep. 22, 1813, having had:—

1. Robert Claus, d. young at Geneva s.p., cir. 1820.
2. Albert Colcher, b. June 22, 1800; d. at Montagu Place, Bloomsbury, April 18, 1816; and is bu. at St. George's.
3. John Nichols, d. young at sea, unm.
4. Elizabeth Nichols, bap. m. at Tor Mohun Aug. 27, 1824, Richard Edmonds, Rector of Woodleigh (who d. at Woodleigh, Devonshire, Jan. 27, 1832), and d. at Ashprington Sep. 12, 1833, having the following chlldren:—
   *a.* Elizabeth Margaret Anne, b. at Woodleigh Jan. 5, 1826, m. Jan. 19, 1847, at Hursley, Henry Holden, d. at Durham Dec. 26, 1853, and is bu. there, leaving issue: Mary Margaret, b. Dec. 20, 1847; George Henry, b. June 15, 1849; Londsdale Andrew, b. Oct. 23, 1850; Edith Theodoria, b. Dec. 10, 1851. All at Uppingham. Henry Edmonds, b. at Durham Dec. 17, 1853.
   *b.* Esther Pell, d. at Woodleigh March 14, 1827, m. at S. Swithun's Winchester, July 6, 1852, Henry Coker Adams, and has issue;—Robert John, bap. Jan. 1, 1858; William Henry, bap. Sep. 25, 1860; Margaret Esther Tina, bap. Jan. 23, 1862; Alfred, bap. Nov. 24, 1863; Edward Coker, bap. Jan. 3, 1866. All bap. at Bromley, Kent.
   *c.* Jane Augusta, b. at Woodleigh Oct. 16, 1828, m. at S. Swithun's, Winchester, Jan. 7, 1852, Henry G. Merriman, and has issue;—Maude Elizabeth, bap. Oct. 18, 1852; Mary Katherine, bap. Nov. 30, 1853; Harry Moubray, bap. Jan. 1, 1857; Janet Gertrude, bap. Feb. 24, 1857; Mabel Georgiana, bap. at Guildford, Surrey, June 29, 1866.
   All with the exception of the last bap. at Bridgnorth, Salop.
   *d.* Edward Edmonds, b. July 20, 1830, d. April 9, 1831, and b. at Woodleigh.
   *e.* Richard Edward Pell, a clergyman, b. at Woodleigh Sep. 17, 1831, m. at S. George's, Toronto, Canada, Frances Caroline Arnold, of Halden, Sep. 21, 1853, and has issue:—Agnes Arnold, b. March 21, 1856, at Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, and bap. there; Caroline Bertha, b. Sep. 3, 1858, and bap, at Grazeley district

Ch., Berkshire; Margaret Ethel, b. Dec. 3, 1859. and bap. at Grazeley district Ch.; Richard Pell, b. May 13, 1861, bap. at Grazeley district Ch.; Charlotte, b. Ap. 4, 1863, and bap. at W. Buckland, Devonshire; Walter Arnold and Elizabeth Mary, b. May 20, 1864, and bap. at W. Buckland; Frances Ellen, b. May 21, 1866, and bap. at Sandford-on-Thames; John Arnold, b. Feb. 8, 1868, and bap. at The Union Chapel, Oxford; Edward Pell, b. Jan. 4, 1869, and bap. at Islip, Oxfordshire; Jane Eugenie, b. Sep. 4, 1870, bap. at S. Mary Magdalene, Oxford; Alice Rosomond, b. Nov. 19, 1871, bap. at S. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.

5. Esther.
6. Dorothea, b. 1805, at Tiverton, d. July 27, 1816, and bu. there.
7. Charles, b. 1807, at Tiverton, d. July 23, 1823, bu. there.
8. Jens, b. at Tiverton 1810, d. at Torquay unm. Aug. 2, 1856.
9. Ann, b. 1811, d. Aug. 1, 1819, and bu. at Tiverton.

XV. Albert. *See* **

** Sir Albert Pell was King's Serjeant at Law, for many years leader of the Western Circuit, and made a judge of the then Court of Review and Knighted. Bap. at S. George's Oct. 19, 1768, m. at Cardington, Bedfordshire, Ap. 20, 1813, Margaret Letitia Matilda St. John (who was daughter of Henry Beauchamp, 12th Lord St. John of Bletsoe, and was bu. at Wilburton, Cambridgeshire, March 12, 1868), and d. Sep. 6, 1832, and bu. at St. George's in the East, having issue:—

I. Henry Beauchamp St. John, b. at Montagu Place, Bloomsbury, May 20, 1814, d. Sep. 8, 1814, and bu. at S. George's in the East.

II. Margaret Matilda, b. at Cardington, Bedfordshire, June 25, 1816, and d. unm. at Torquay Jan. 6, 1856, and bu. at S. Mary's Upton.

III. Albert, was (for seventeen years) M.P. for South Leicestershire, and J.P. for Isle of Ely, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, b. at Montagu Place, Bloomsbury, Mar. 12, 1820, m. at Wistow, Leicestershire, Elizabeth Barbara Halford, dau. of Sir Henry Halford, Bart., of Wistow Hall, Leicester, Sep. 8, 1846, and has no issue.

IV. Eliza Elizabeth, b. at Montagu Place Feb. 1, 1822, m. at Wilburton Dec. 21, 1847, Alexander, son of Francis Pym, of the Hasells, Bedfordshire, and has issue:—

1. Margaret Lucy, b. at Sandy, Beds., Sep. 29, 1849, and bap. at Wilburton.
2. Elizabeth Matilda Emily, b. at Wilburton, Cambs., Ap. 30, 1851, bap. there.
3. Mary Leslie, b. at Wilburton June 17, 1852, bap. there; d. Ap. 23, 1869, bu. in Bedford Cemetery.
4. Alexander Waldegrave, b. at Wilburton Feb. 3, 1854, bap. there.

5. Francis St. John, b. Mar. 29, 1855.
6. Walter Ruthven, b. June 22, 1856.
7. Adelaide Maud, b. Dec. 11, 1857.
8. Albert Roderick, b. June 10, 1859.

All b. and bap. at Great Chesterford, Essex.

9. Claude George Melville, b. at Chesterford Aug. 10, 1860, bap. at Wilburton.
10. Eva Jane Thornton, b. at Chesterford Dec. 24, 1861, bap. there.
11. Beatrice Caroline, b. at Bedford Feb. 27, 1864, bap. at S. Peter's, Bedford.

V. Henry Beauchamp St. John. *See* §

VI. Oliver Claude, Barrister at Law, a J.P. of Isle of Ely, and D.L. for Cambridgeshire, b. at Pinner, Middlesex, Sep. 3, 1825, bap. there in the name of Oliver Claus; m. at Newtown Limavady, Ireland, Adelaide McCausland, daughter of Marcus McCausland, Esq., of Drenagh, co. Londonderry, Aug. 5, 1856, s.p.

§ Henry Beauchamp St. John Pell, Rector of Ickenham, in Middlesex, b. at Montagu Place Jan. 15, 1824, bap. at Pinner in the name of Beauchamp Henry St. John; m. at S. Peter's, Eaton Square, Nov. 11, 1858, Julia Caroline Maria Tyndall, Daughter of Captain Tyndall, R.N., and has issue:—

I. Albert Julian, b. at Ickenham, Middlesex, Nov. 19, 1863, bap. there.
II. Beauchamp Tyndall, b. at Dorset Place, London, July 8, 1866, bap. at Ickenham.
III. Margaret Louisa Julia, b. at Ickenham Mar. 9, 1868, bap. there.

## POLITICAL.

The author is again indebted to the able pen of Mr. Tarbutt for the following digest of Kent Poll Books. As elections are now conducted by Ballot, these records possess a special interest, and from them we are enabled to ascertain the political opinions of our ancestors.

1734 There was a contested Election in Kent; the Candidates being Rt. Hon. The Earl of Middlesex, son of the Duke of Dorset of Knole; Sir George Oxenden, Bart. Rt. Hon. the Lord Viscount Vane (grandson of Lord Harry Vane, beheaded 1662), Ld. Viscount Vane resided at Fairlawn, and Sir Edward Dering, Bart., at East Sutton Place. The two Popular Candidates were Vane and Dering. After two days polling, May 15 and 16: Middlesex and Oxenden retired, and on Monday the 20th, Ld. Viscount Vane died of Apoplexy, the result of excitement. The Election cries were;—"Dering and Vane. The Protestant Interest. No Excise. The Country's Interest." "Middlesex and Oxenden;—King and Constitution." The following persons, either living or having property in Smarden, voted for Middlesex

and Oxenden, Charles Otway, Esq., Thomas Hopper, William Powell, Thomas Haffenden, John Edmitt, James Bassett, John Tassell, John Ottway, Matthew Ottway, Jonathan Mott, Robert Gladdish, & John Gillman.

These voting for Vane and Dering :—John Lucas, Francis Reight, John Pope, John Woodman, Joseph Jell, Thomas Watts, Thomas Simmonds, John Willmot, Thomas Perring, Richard Maxted, Robert Ottman, Thomas Dane, John Austen, Christopher Fullager, Thomas Austen, John Christian, John Shafstead & Richard Bayley. The following split their votes between Oxenden & Vane :—Daniel Medhurst, and William Green : and these between Oxenden & Dering :—Richard Wood, John Woollet, and Robert Barling ; only Thomas Greenhill plumped for Dering. Two persons having property in, but not residing at Smarden, were John Watts who voted for Middlesex and Oxenden ; the other, Thomas Argles, for Vane and Dering. Thus Smarden numbers were 13 M., 18 O., 21 V., and 23 D.
Sir Henry Hicks, Sheriff, declared the Poll thus :—

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| Sir Edward Dering ... ... ... | 4441 |
| Ld Viscount Vane ... ... ... | 4252 |
| Ld Middlesex ... ... ... | 3569 |
| Sir George Oxenden... ... ... | 3450 |

There were 38 *Freeholders* of Houses or Land belonging to, or residing at Smarden, 13 of these had Property in other Parishes.

1735 Sir Christopher Powell returned without opposition in place of Lord William Vane.

1741 Sir Edwd. Dering, son of the late Baronet, and Sir Roger Twisden, returned without a contest.

1747 Dering, and Twisden again, without opposition.

1754 Sîr Edwd. Dering's popularity was waning. The Honble. Lewis M. Watson, and the Hon. Robert Fairfax, were candidates. Sir Edwd. Dering was unsuccessful, though well supported at Smarden. The votes recorded were 13 for Watson, 16 for Fairfax, and 22 for Dering, all but two plumping for Dering.

1760 Watson, created Lord Sondes, and Sir Wyndham Knatchbull Wyndham, returned in his room unopposed.

1761 Fairfax and Wyndham returned, uncontested.

1763 Sir W. K. Wyndham deceased, and Sir Brook Bridges succeeded, there being no contest.

1768 Sir B. Bridges, and the Honble. John Frederick Sackville, returned without opposition.

1769 Sackville succeeded to the Dukedom of Dorset, and Sir Charles Farnaby, returned in his place without a contest.

1774 The Honble. Charles Marsham, and Thomas Knight, Junr. No other Candidates.

1780 Marsham, and Filmer Honywood, returned uncontested.

1784 Marsham, and Honywood, again unopposed.

1790 Sir Edwd. Knatchbull opposed the return of Filmer Honywood, and headed the Poll. Smarden voted thus:—Marsham 3, Knatchbull 5, and Honywood 20, the latter all plumpers. The poll closed on the 3rd day as Marsham retired.

1796 Again a contest, Sir William Geary came forward to oppose Honywood, and was successful. It was then Knatchbull & Geary.

1802 Honywood again tried his strength to displace one of the Baronets, and this time succeeded, being returned at the head of the Poll. Knatchbull was rejected. The election lasted 9 days. Smarden polled 26 for Honywood, 21 of whom were plumpers. Knatchbull 10, Geary 13.

1806 Geary again appeared to displace William Honywood, a son of Filmer Honywood, but finding the Freeholders against him, retired after the first day, hence Knatchbull was reinstated with Honywood.

1807 Honywood, and Knatchbull, without opposition.

1812 Knatchbull and Geary, again unopposed.

1818 A contest, lasting 15 days, between Knatchbull, Geary, and Honywood, Geary polled only 934 votes. Knatchbull and Honywood were therefore returned.

1819 Sir Edwd. Knatchbull died, and his son was elected in his stead, uncontested.

1820 Honywood and Knatchbull without opposition.

1826 Ditto Ditto

1830 Sir E. Knatchbull and Thomas Law Hodges, of Hemsted Park, Benenden. No contest.

1831 Hodges and Thomas Rider, without opposition.

Thus 24 appeals were made to the Freeholders of Kent for their Representation in Parliament within one hundred years.

## CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF EVENTS.

A.D.

1086 Smarden is not mentioned in Domesday Book. This survey of lands in England was made by the order of William the Conqueror. (Furley's History of the Weald of Kent. I. 227.)

1205 King John presented Adam of Essex to the Church of Smarden, the Archbishopric of Canterbury being then vacant. (Antiquities of Smarden. p. 100.)

1240 Rumdene is mentioned (25. Hen. III. m. 6.)

1245 A leaden Seal of Pope Innocent IV., at one time attached to a Muniment was picked up by the Rev. F. F. Haslewood in his orchard. (Furley's History II. 18.) The moat, belonging to the glebe, had been cleared out in 1861, which accounts for the discovery. A description has already appeared: (Antiquities of Smarden. p. 21.) the original is at Chillington House, Maidstone. For one similar see British Museum. (Dep. Seal XXXVIII. 35.)

1250 One Allan de Radingate, guilty of theft, claimed sanctuary in Smarden Church. (Plea Rolls, temp. Hen. III. Furley's Kent II. 33.)

1253 Smeredenne is mentioned under "Holders of Fees in Kent" in 38 Hen. III. (Archæologia Cantiana. XII. 219.)

1281 David de Estdene was appointed to this Rectory May 14. (Furley. II. 232.)

1291 The Church is thus mentioned in Pope Nicholas' Taxation "Ecclia de Smereden £20." This Pope granted the first-fruits and tenths (then payable to the See of Rome) to Edward I. for six years, towards a Crusade: the king therefore caused a Valuation Roll to be prepared: the title of the work is "Taxatio Ecclesiastica Angliæ et Walliæ, auct. P. Nicholai IV. circa 1291." (Page 3. printed 1802.)

1299 King Edward I. was at the Archiepiscopal Manor House at Charing June 18: the following day we trace his progress towards Sussex, through Smarden to Cranbrook, taking up his quarters we may suppose at Sissinghurst. (Furley. II. 255.)

1332 Edward III. upon Feb. 6 granted to Simon (de Mepham) Archbishop of Canterbury, a Charter for a Market to be held weekly on Mondays, at his manor of Smarden, and a Fair annually, lasting five days at Michaelmas.
(Rot. Chart. 6. Edw. III. No. 47. Antiquities of Smarden. p. 79.)

1371 John Hamden made bequests for bell ropes, and to the use of the Light of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Parish Church.

1381 During Wat Tyler's Rebellion John Warner of Smerdenn feloniously broke into the Gaol of Maidstone June 11, and John Geruays, John Heyman, and Robert Stonford, made insurrection against King Richard II. (Archæologia Cantiana III. 79. Exchequer Treasury of Receipts. Miscellanea 4—5. Ric. II. Kent $\frac{21}{13}$ M. 3.)

1391 Stephen Norton and others for a certain chaplain in the Church. (Calendarium Inquisitionum post mortem. Vol. III. p. 148. pub. 1821.)

1392 A Chantry was founded in Smarden Church by Stephen de Norton and Simon Chedmynden for a chaplain to celebrate divine service for them; and for the soul of Thomas Wohop, late parson of the Church of Smerden &c; at the altar of the Blessed Mary within the parish church. This was granted by King Richard II. at Nottingham June 26:—"Pro Cantar bæ Mariæ in Ecclia de Smerdon." (Calendarium Rotulorum Patentium. page 225. Patent Roll. 16 Ric. II. Pt. I. M. 34. "Antiquities of Smarden. 75.)

1450 A hundred men from Smarden joined in John Cade's rebellion: the names of the insurgents (afterwards pardoned) are found in Patent Roll of Henry VI. (Pat. Rot. 28. Hen. VI. part 2. M. 6, printed Archæologia Cantiana. VII. 262.)

1464 William Marlar left by will 13$^{s}$. 4$^{d}$ ad novum campanile (for a new Belfry.)

1508 Stephen Frenche of Bidynden (Biddenden) left for the "Newe Roodeloft of Smerden vj$^{li}$ viij$^{d}$:" his will was proved at Lambeth March 16. (Principal Registry. "Bennett." f. 12.)

1535 The "Valor Ecclesiasticus or Liber Regis," a new survey made 27 Henry VIII., mentions Osmund Chubbe the Rector, and Chantry Priest Stephen Pell. The Church is valued at 24$^{£}$ 10$^{s}$. (Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. Vol. I. pp. 64, 65, 96. Bacon I. 30.)

1538 In a letter dated April 29 Archbishop Cranmer wrote to Cromwell, Lord Privy Seal, desiring him "to be good unto certain men of Smarden and Pluckley, which are indicted for unlawful assemblies at the last sessions at Canterbury, of none occasion, but for by cause they are *accounted fauters* (fautors, supporters) of *the new doctrine*, as they call it . . . For if the king's subjects which favour God's word, shall be unjustly vexed at sessions much sedition may be engendered. The Persons indicted were Henry Harte, and John Stanstrete of Pluckley, and Gervis Golde, John Hynkesell, Thomas Baker, and Richarde Lucke, of Smarden." (Parker Society. 2 Cran. n. p. 367.)

1540 Stephen Pell, the *Chantry Priest* in his will dated this year leaves a legacy to Osmund Chubbe the Rector, proving they were co-temporaries. Mentioned thus in the "Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. pub. 1810. Vol. I. 64. The Ch'untre of Sm'den. The certificat of Stephen Pell Ch'untre prest there. The hole yerly value of iij mesuage & iij$^{xx}$ akers of land & a mansion & x akers of land belonging to the same Ch'untre is vj$^{li}$ xvij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Whereof to be deducted for rent resolut yerly x$^{s}$ vij ob.
Sm'a de Claro vj. vj viij$^{ob}$. Decima ps inde xij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.
Sm'den. The certificat of S$^{r}$ Osmund Chubbe pson there. First iij akers of land worthe by yere x$^{s}$. Itm the value of the said benefyce by yere in all things xxiiij$^{li}$. Sm'a xxiiij$^{li}$. x$^{s}$. (p. 65.)

1545 A commission appointed 14 February 37 Henry VIII to enquire into Chantries (Cert. 29. No. 78) Smerdon:—Salaria ppetua uni capellani divinam celebrand in ecclia poæ de Smerden. viij pec terr vocat le *meness* cont p est viij acr, in tenura Thome Adme; vij acr in tenur Johnis Pell v$^{s}$. Value vj$^{li}$ xv$^{s}$ x$^{d}$.

1547 Particulars for the sale of the *Chantry*. Temp. Hen. VIII. & Edw. VI. Augmentation Office. Miscellaneous Books LXVII. 85—87. "Parcels of land given by divers persons for one prest to celebrate devyne svyce within the parish Church of Smardon for ever."

1547 Rec. of James Lake and John Pell for xix ells of whyte clothe of ye roode lofte viij viij$^{d}$.

1548 "Leyd owt fore whytting over the roode lofte x$^{s}$." (See p. 241.)

1549 Chantry. "Rex omnibus &c. for £2744. 17. 8. to Anthonii Aucher de derynden in com. Kanc. Milt omnia messuagia in poss. Thos. Adam, Thos. Lake, Stephen Newenden, John Pell, &c., in parochia de Smerden ad sustentacoem unius presbiteri celebran imppm in ecclia de Smerden." (Pat. Roll. 3. Edw. VI. Pt. 3. m. 29. also 2 Edw. VI. Section I. M. I.)

1550 Altar stone taken down and side altars removed. (Churchwardens Accounts.)

Pd. John Harneden for takinge downe of the altare stone, and making up of the church wall iij$^{s}$.

1552 An Inventory of Church Goods and ornaments was taken. 6. Edw. VI. (Record office. $\frac{3}{42}$.)

1553 Poor Box first mentioned.

1554 The Altar was restored: see page 243.

1555 The Rood loft was again erected.

1556 Agnes Snoth, a widow, of Smarden was burnt with four others at Canterbury, on the last day of January during the Marian persecution. A long account and a plate illustrating their martyrdom, appears in Foxe's Monuments. (III. 632. Ed. 1631.)

> "When Jhon Lowmas and An Albright,
> Jone Soale, Jone Painter, and *Annis Snod*,
> In fier with flesh and bloud did fight;
> When tonges of tyrantes layed on lode;
> When these at ones were put to death,
> We wishte for our Elizabeth."
>
> Select. Poetry, Parker Society.

The Register by Thomas Bryce, pub. Dec. 1845, Vol. I. p. 165.

1558 The Altar was plucked down; see page 246.

1560 The Archbishop's transcripts of Smarden Registers begin at this date. They are at Canterbury.

The Roodloft was removed and sold.

1573 August 20 or 21, Queen Elizabeth passed through Smarden during the month of August on her way from Sissinghurst to Boughton Malherb.

1576 The original Charter granted by Edward III. for a Market and Fair at Smarden, was confirmed by Queen Elizabeth Feb. 24.

1597 Door to the Rood-loft was closed.

1625 Three thousand shingles were provided by the Churchwardens, the cost being 2. 19. 0.

1632 The oldest Parish Register at Smarden commences at this date.

1635 At the end of this year, and until 1642, the Registers of the Parish Church of Chatham are thus signed :—" Thomas Vaughan, Vicar," but after that it is generally "Thos. Vaughan minister," or "Tho. Vaughan custos et minister Eccliæ de Chatham," this latter most usually.

1640 Complaint was made by upwards of fifty Parishioners, to the Long Parliament that the Rector, Robert Elye, "a double beneficed man" was not resident, whilst the conduct of the Curate was deemed reprehensible. (Proceedings in Kent 1640. p. 114.)

In this year the value of the Benefice was £109. Number of Communicants 700. (Account of Diocese by John Lewis. f. 161).

1669 A Smarden Token was struck.

1671 The mortality was great this year, as stated in the Parish Register; "fuit maxime lethalis."

1673 Hearth Tax was levied. 25 Car. II. (Antiquities of Smarden 84.)

1677 This date with the initials "C.R." (King Charles II.) were on the Royal Arms formerly over the Chancel arch.

1714 Engraved beneath the foot of the Communion Cup is Jer. Vineet Joh: Bridges Ch War. Smarden 1714. S: Hughes Rector. On the Paten Jer. Vineet Joh: Bridges Ch: War. Smarden 1714 S: H: R$^{r}$.

1715 A New Church Clock was provided.

1724 Mary Lucas died at Marley Farm, aged 104 years, when upwards of a hundred she was able to walk to a neighbouring house and rock in his cradle a Smarden worthy, afterwards known as "Old Dick Turk."

1726 The Nonconformist Chapel was built by James Tilden.

1790 The North side of the Church was boarded and slated.

1794 This date with arms and inscription "John Porter, Ep. Clogher Rector" appear in a window of the Parsonage at Tansor, where he was for one year.

1795 Feb. It is stated in the "Kentish Register" (p. 75) that Flour was reduced by subscription at Smarden to 1ˢ. a gallon till May.

1807 Another portion of the Nave was slated.

1810 Oct. 25. Seventy Families received bread and meat, and 32 blankets were "distributed to celebrate the Jubilee of King George III." (Old Church Chest.)

1815 The Vestry was built.

1820 The Stocks were in use at this period.

1828 New minute work was put to the Church Clock.

1834 The Rev. Isaac Mossop added a new Front to the Rectory.

1841 The Meeting-house near Spier's Ash, on the Headcorn Road was removed, and "Zion" built in the village. In this year the Tithe Map was completed.

1851 New Schools were contemplated, and Mr. Whichcord was employed to map land for the same.

The "Maidstone Gazette," dated July 29, states that on Monday last, the village presented a gay scene, it being the Race day. There was a large concourse of people. A pony race for a saddle and bridle was won by Mr. Martin: stakes of £10 by Mr. Shingleton; gig Harness by Mr. Rose, and a hurdle race for £7 by Mr. Martin.

Smarden Horseraces, (usually held on the third Monday in July,) were run in the meadows on the south side of the Church. The course may still be traced; the hedge and ditch formerly dividing the fields, close to the River Beult, having been removed, as shown on the Ordnance Survey.

1858 In January stone was dug from quarries at Tuesnoad in Bethersden, and the New Dadson Schools were begun April 16, and finished 30 October.

1859 April 5. A celebrated prize fight took place between Tom Sayers, Champion, and Bill Benjamin for £200 a side. Sayers won in eleven rounds, lasting twenty-two minutes. There was a second fight between Bob. Travers, a negro, and Mike Madden, an Irishman. Special trains from London, containing about 2,000 people stopped near Hegghill Bridge. Police from Ashford prevented other fights. (Era. Ap. 10, 1859.)
The Sepulchre and Lowside window were discovered within the Altar rails, and Font restored, all at the expense of the Rector.

1860 The Roodloft doors were opened, and Niches found in the window-jambs of the Nave. A fresco discovered in the Chancel.

1862 In July the Farm house belonging to the Turner Charity was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt in 1864.

1863 Jan. 12. A Lecture on the "Antiquities of Smarden" was delivered in the School room by Francis Haslewood, Student of King's College, London. This was the beginning of the work, of which this is the completion.

1864 March 5. The broad Arrow was incised on the North Buttress of the Tower, and on the Schools for the purposes of the Ordnance Survey.
In April the "Lock up" situate on the road to Biddenden, and also the Stocks beneath the Pent-house were removed.
Oct. 10. The Schools were opened, a Chancery suit as to their management having (with proverbial procrastination) occupied six years, during which period they remained closed.

1866 "The Antiquities of Smarden" by Rev. Francis Haslewood, A.K.C., Curate of S. Luke's, Marylebone, London, was published. Romden was partially demolished.

1868 Several Frescoes were discovered in the Chancel.

1869 A Faculty having been granted for the Restoration on the last day of March, the work commenced, and Saint Michael's Church was re-opened Thursday, October 21. Service was at 2.30, the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. H. Plumptre, M.A., Professor of Divinity, King's College, London, Rector of Pluckley, now D.D. and Dean of Wells. The text was Ezra III. 11. (£51 collected). On the following Sunday, the Pulpit in the morning was occupied by the Rector, and in the afternoon by his son, the Rev. Francis Haslewood, Curate of Benenden.

1870 New iron gates and piers were erected at the South entrance to the Churchyard.

The organ was formally opened April 27. It was on the 17th day of the same month seventeen years before, that the Harmonium was played for the first time.

1871 The Census was as follows:—Males 605, Females 563, Persons 1168, Houses inhabited 236, uninhabited 5, Building 1. Telegraph wires were erected for the General Post Office.

1873 May 17. A School Board was appointed for Smarden. The five resident Trustees of Dadson's Charity being the first members of the same.

June 25. The fifth Anniversary of the Foresters Court "Nil Desperandum" was celebrated. After adjusting their regalia at the Chequers Inn, the procession marched to the Church: an appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. S. C. Tress Beale, Vicar of S. Michael's, Tenterden, upon the text, "Bear ye one another's burdens." The Rev. S. C. T. Beale died 23 Dec. 1885, and was buried on the 28th in the Churchyard of S. Michael's, this Church having been erected, and Parish formed, mainly through his efforts.

Mr. H. J. Stone (now of Kenilworth, Warwickshire), who for upwards of seven years was master of the school, being present at the funeral, wrote thus admirably of the deceased;—"there, in the consecrated ground he gave, and under the east window of the church he built and loved, sleeps the first Vicar of S. Michael's. His monument is reared behind his grave, and its beautiful spire will ever recall his loved memory and good works." The Smarden Branch of the Foresters Club is in flourishing condition, their present Chief Ranger being Mr. Edwin Offen, who has held that office twelve years.

1874 The Schools were enlarged by the Board, the work being commenced. June 1, under the direction of Mr. W. King, of Ashford, the Architect.

1875 May 9. The Sunday after the Ascension Bishop Parry confirmed 27 Persons in the Afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Haslewood, Vicar of Chislet, observed in his sermon in the morning, that the rite of Confirmation had never been previously administered in that Church.

1876 March 15. Rev. F. F. Haslewood resigned this Benefice. He read himself in as Rector Feb. 22, 1857.

April 5, Rev. Robert Johnson inducted into the Rectory.

1878 March 28. A second Confirmation was held; there were 14 Candidates.

May 3rd. The Rev. Thomas Henry Griffith, B.C.L., instituted to the Rectory of Smarden by Archbishop Tait.

1880 July 28. The Kent Archæological Society visited Smarden.

1881 The Population had decreased since the last Census: the returns now being:—Males 583, Females 556, Persons 1139, Houses Inhabited 230, Uninhabited 13.

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